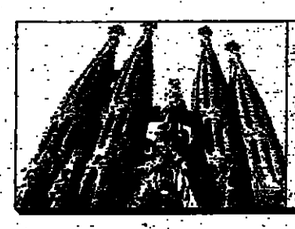
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Ministers close ranks on Europe

I am today's man, Hurd tells critics

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, NICHOLAS WOOD AND GEORGE BROCK

DOUGLAS HURD struggled yesterday to restore his authority and contain a fresh outbreak of Conservative turmoil over Europe by dismissing fears that he would be forced out of the Cabinet and replaced by a Euro-sceptic.

The Foreign Secretary fought back against right-wing claims that he was a "yesterday's man", saying that he was today's man and could see a good many tomorrows.

But even as Mr Hurd tried to calm fractious Tory MPs there was new evidence of the Cabinet's stronger Euro-sceptic line, and signs that a pro-European counter-attack headed by Lord Howe of Aberavon and Sir Edward Heath was destined to fail.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, who would be a candidate to succeed Mr Hurd, reflected the Cabinet shift with a speech in Brussels rejecting further moves towards federalism.

At the same time officials said that John Major rejected the claims of Lord Howe, Foreign Secretary under Margaret Thatcher, that the Government risked "losing its position in the minds of the British people" if the Prime Minister remained a hostage to the sceptics.

In a further development that will please the Right, it emerged that Mr Major had no quarrel with Michael Portillo's statement of the areas where the Prime Minister would use Britain's veto at next year's "Maastricht 2" inter-governmental conference. In remarks that upset the Tory Left, Mr Portillo said at the weekend that the Cabinet meeting last Thursday had unanimously decided that the veto would be used to block increased powers for the European Parliament and an extension of majority voting.

Mr Hurd was determined yesterday to regain the initiative after claims that he was being sidelined by the apparently growing band of Euro-sceptic ministers. He staged an impromptu news conference on the steps of the Foreign Office, insisting that he was pushing through a "hard-headed" policy on Europe in tune with the Prime Minister and the Cabinet, and would continue to do so "for the foreseeable future".

The Foreign Secretary is understood to be in no mood to step down. To bolster his position, Mr Hurd's allies and Downing Street emphasised that he was in charge of the Cabinet committee process formulating Britain's line for the conference next year.

Mr Hurd dismissed talk of a Cabinet split and spelt out the tough line on Europe to be deployed by the Government to defend its position next year. He said the Government would fight to protect British authority in the Council of Ministers and demand that the member states' veto in key areas was maintained. But there was a slight difference of emphasis with Mr Portillo when he said Britain would oppose "massive" — as opposed to all — increases in the powers of the European Parliament. Mr Hurd added: "This is a common-sense hard-headed approach, which arises out of Britain's interests. We believe this time we can make this persuasive to many on the Continent."

The Right continued to revel in Mr Hurd's discomfort. Teresa Gorman, one of the "whipless" rebels, said that he was a fine politician "but as far as Europe is concerned he is yesterday's man". The Billericay MP said: "He is peddling ideas that may be important to the Foreign Office or even within the European Councils, but they have no contact point with the grassroots of the natural supporters of the Tory party."

Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat Foreign Affairs Spokesman, said that Mr Hurd's position would be "fatally undermined" unless he won full backing from the Prime Minister. "Hardly a day goes by but Mr Hurd is compromised, condemned or contradicted by some section of his party — ambitious members of the Cabinet are falling over themselves to clamber aboard the Euro-sceptic bus and leave Mr Hurd isolated."

In a further sign of the Government's hostility towards further European integration, Mr Rifkind explicitly rejected the call by Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, for a new leap towards a federal Europe. But he denied the Government had "hardened" its stance on Europe.

The Defence Secretary told the Royal Institute of International Relations that the new Europe would not "be built on the federalist ambitions of the 1950s and 1960s. The time for that kind of ideological debate has indeed past." The nation

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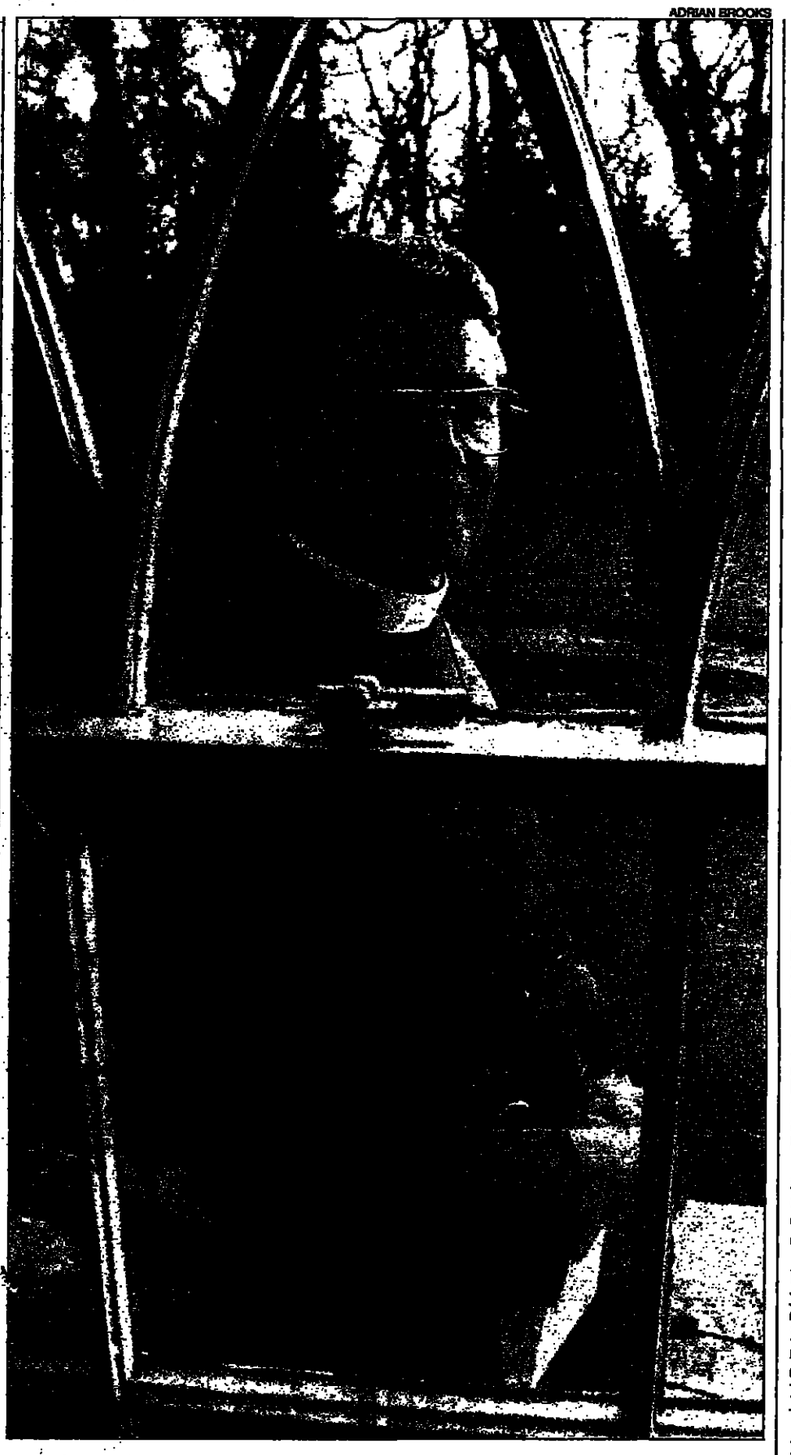
German block on Eurofighter

A German parliamentary committee is refusing to release more money for development of the Eurofighter, and work on the £34 billion project may be halted.

Roger Freeman, the Defence Procurement Minister, is to meet the national armaments directors of the four nations building the aircraft. A defence source said: "The minister intends to bang some heads together."

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ADRIAN BROOKS



Bishop resigning to become a monk

The Bishop of Portsmouth, Rt Rev Timothy Bavin (above), announced yesterday that he is resigning in the autumn to become a novice monk at an Anglican Benedictine monastery at Alton, Hampshire. "After 10 years in Portsmouth and 20 years as diocesan bishop, the time has come to lay down my responsibilities," he said . The bishop said he had discussed his plan with the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1993, and vehemently denied that it had any connection with his being included in a list of homsexual clergy by the gay rights group Outrage two months ago — an allegation that had "deeply hurt and distressed" him.

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Dutch flee as floods threaten thousands of homes

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE NETHERLANDS yesterday prepared the biggest civilian evacuation for 40 years as rising rivers threatenened tens of thousands of people in the Gelderland province in the east of the country.

Roads were clogged as thousands of cars, buses and army lorries headed out of the stricken area.

No Dutch deaths have been reported as a result of torrential rains over the past week, but there have been at least 25 in France, Belgium and Germany.

At Lobith, on the Rhine, officials said the water level had risen to 54ft — 1in above sea level. The record was 55ft 6in in 1926, when thousands drowned.

The latest evacuation brought to 80,000 the total number of people on the move in the south and east of the Netherlands.

More than 12,000 people had already left their homes in the southern province of Limburg where the waters of the Maas spilled into a 90-mile strip of land.

Torrential rains have also forced the evacuation of tens of thousands of people in other parts of northeastern Europe.

☐ In Britain, the wettest January for half a century is set to end with further rain and flooding (Robin Young writes).

January has already assured itself a place in the record books as the wettest ever known in parts of south-east England.

Provisional figures released by the Meteorologiocal Office yesterday showed that an average 141mm had fallen in England and Wales so far this month, compared with the existing record of 178mm in 1948.

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Durrell: campaign for endangered species

Naturalist Gerald Durrell dies at 70

BY ALAN HAMILTON

GERALD DURRELL, the writer and naturalist who endeared himself to a generation as the author of *My Family and Other Animals*, died in hospital in Jersey yesterday, aged 70. Friends said he had never fully recovered from a liver transplant operation last year.

Durrell, who founded Jersey Zoo in 1959 and won an international reputation for his campaigning on behalf of endangered species, died with Lee, his wife, and Jeremy Mallinson, his zoo director, at his bedside.

A prolific maker of television wildlife films and the author of more than 30 books, beginning with *The Overloaded Ark* in 1953, Durrell was appointed an OBE in 1983 for his wildlife conservation work.

Born in India in 1925 as the younger son of a civil engineer, he was brought up in England and Corfu, and began his working life as a trainee keeper at Whipsnade zoo in Bedfordshire.

Charles Secrett, director of Friends of the Earth, said last night: "He was was one of the first people to wake the world up to what was happening to the environment."

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Commons hails triumph in Test

BY GEOFF KING

MPs added their voices yesterday to celebrations of England's dramatic victory over Australia in the Fourth Test in Adelaide.

Iain Sproat, the Sports Minister, congratulated the side for their "absolutely magnificent" performance in winning by 106 runs. England's first away win against the old enemy for eight years. Derby colleagues Phillip DeFreitas and Devon Malcolm set up a victory which had seemed unlikely when England began the final day. DeFreitas crashed 88 runs, including two sixes, from 95 balls to give England a lead of 262.

An opening bowling onslaught from Malcolm captured three wickets in 12 deliveries as Australia's batsmen collapsed first to 23 for 4 and then to 83 for 8 before being all out for 156.

During exchanges in the Commons, Mr Sproat congratulated team captain Mike Atherton "on the confidence that he has shown".

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Infections sweep country

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

BRITAIN is wheezing through a severe bout of what may feel like influenza, but is not. Many people claiming to have had flu are more are likely to have been suffering respiratory infections, which are at their highest level since 1989. The number of flu cases remains relatively low.

Mycoplasma pneumoniae and respiratory syncytial virus are the two commonest causes of such flu-type illnesses, according to the Public Health Laboratory Service. They can cause potentially dangerous infections, especially in children.

Figures for the end of last year show that the infections were running at about 1,500 cases per 100,000 people and had exceeded the figure for the comparable week in 1989, the last bad year. In children under four, the rate of acute bronchitis was also high. This may also be caused by the virus.

Infections caused by the virus have now begun to decline, but those caused by *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* are increasing. *M pneumoniae* infections peak about every four years, and Britain was due for a bad year. In the first three weeks of 1995 the laboratory service had 254 reports of infections, against 46 at the same time last year.

The Public Health Laboratory said: "It is impossible to tell just how many people have these infections. The symptoms can be a bit of a mix. Unless you had a laboratory test, you'd never know that it wasn't flu. But testing hospital samples at some of our sites suggests this year has seen more cases than at any time since 1989." The large number of virus infections, which appears to have peaked in December, led to some intensive care units having to turn away children. At Whipps Cross Hospital, east London, all routine surgery for children was cancelled for ten days because the paediatric ward was full. The warm weather and poor air quality was blamed by some for the spread of the highly infectious illness.

The virus causes inflammation of the narrow passages of the lungs, which can block with mucus. *M pneumoniae* is a micro-organism that causes infections of the lower respiratory tract. If untreated the infections can lead to pneumonia, but unlike the viral infections they can be treated by antibiotics.

Algiers car bomb kills 35

A car bomb set off near police headquarters in central Algiers yesterday killed at least 35 people and wounded 154 others.

Security forces blamed the attack on Muslim fundamentalists. An Interior Ministry official said: "Some of the victims are members of the security forces but most are civilians, particularly children"

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GCHQ emerges from shadows

The most secretive of Britain's three intelligence services, GCHQ, is preparing to emerge from the shadows as it waits to be summoned before the new parliamentary overview committee chaired by Tom King, the former Defence Secretary

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Lucky Blackburn leads in league and lottery

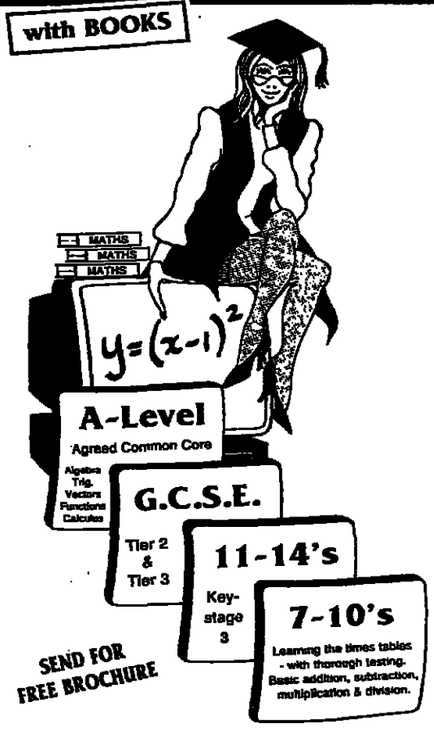
BY KATE ALDERSON

BLACKBURN became Britain's lottery capital yesterday as its second big winner in as many months bagged a hefty jackpot and brought the town's total share of the lottery bounty to well over £20 million.

An unemployed single mother aged 28 who owns neither her own home nor a car won £2.3 million in this town's luck. Camelot has estimated that there is a one in 14 million chance of any one person winning the jackpot, but the odds for Blackburn's population of 88,000 might be better. As well as the £17.8 million win in December, other Blackburn winners include Mark and Sarah Sharples, who won £368,000 on January 7, and Antony Gallager, 51, who was one of the 133 winners who shared James Robinson, a sales assistant at W H Smith in the town's shopping centre, said the stream of Blackburn winners had led to a surge in ticket sales in recent months. He had served customers who had travelled nearly 50 miles, including one from Liverpool, to buy what they believed to be lucky tickets.

Miss Brindle, whose daughter Leanne, three, picked out her numbers, said until her sister telephoned her. Her £2,293,628 win was a quarter share of the total jackpot of £9 million. She said: "I have spent a couple of pounds each week on the lottery but have never before won a penny. I have never won anything in my life until this." Camelot said the winning numbers had no regard for geography, although "of those that have become public, Blackburn does seem to be

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Mawhinney's accent on plain speaking soothes doubters' nerves

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

A new junior prosecutor has taken the floor in the O.J. Simpson trial. He is black, cool, relaxed and deadly. In a style more conversational than adversarial he affects to take the jury aside for a quiet, authoritative word on aspects of the defendant's character they ought to know about. Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, is in the same mould. One sees here a future Home Secretary.

Mawhinney's task yesterday was to calm us after weekend allegations about security in the new Channel Tunnel. MPs arrived in a state of alarm, anxiously clutching copies of Sunday's *Observer*.

They left reassured that everything was under control, a report would be made, and that Dr M would not hesitate to prescribe whatever might prove necessary.

That Dr Mawhinney had not told them *what* was under control, who was controlling it, who would report, whether he would publish the report, what steps might prove necessary, or indeed whether he would tell us what he was going to do once he had decided to do it, somehow never quite emerged.

All we can recall is a soft, very slightly menacing Ulster accent warning us not to listen to wagging tongues and suggesting that if there were anything we needed to know, we would hear it from him first. In the meantime, he suggested, careless talk costs lives.

Dr Mawhinney was frankly a little disappointed that we should ever have thought otherwise. He was sorry — he put it no higher than that — that newspapers had not come to him for a private word, before publishing. Did we not know that he of all people (and here the Ulster accent became a little more pronounced) took security very seriously?

And to think we'd forgotten! One felt almost ashamed to have doubted. How could we have overlooked his sensibilities? Trim, calm, tough, he combines the manner of a senior consultant with the accent of a senior RUC officer.

The House, he reminded the more vulgar among us, "will not expect me to detail the requirements". Dear me, no. "Suffice it to say that security measures are closely ... tailored ... to the threat."

Mawhinney is not afraid of silences, pausing fastidiously to choose his language. His blend of implied authority with understated virtue makes questioners feel that the very act of asking a question has somehow impugned his competence.

However, he will pardon this and indulge the enquiry, though with a faintly ruffled air. Even to answer — let alone politely — noisy questions from Labour's spokesman, Michael Meacher, was presented as an implied act of forgiveness on Dr Mawhinney's part.

Douglas Hurd plays this role with equal skill, as did William Whitelaw when Home Secretary.

Rather in the manner of *Our Lord* — "if it were not so I would have told you" (John xiv, 2) — we are asked to show perfect trust and await such information as might be needful.

To those who can carry this off, nothing sticks: a sort of Teflon quality. In the well-bred, like Whitelaw and Hurd, you might call it Tofflon. In a cool and hard-headed Ulsterman, Toughlon is the best expression.

"I will decide," concluded Dr Mawhinney, "what further action needs to be taken." Well thank heavens for that! We shelved silly doubts. That it presumably remains as easy after he sat down as it was before he stood up, to blow up a cross-Channel train, or any other train, within its tunnel, or within any other tunnel, it would be impolite to remark.

'I am very sorry that I have let the children who watch *Gladiators* down,' says Shadow

Gameshow athlete sacked for taking anabolic steroids

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

JEFFERSON KING, better known as Shadow in the television programme *Gladiators*, has been sacked from the show after he admitted taking body-building drugs. Mr King last night apologised to his fans and said he hoped his dismissal would be a lesson for the millions of children who watch the show.

"The one thing that I hold closest to my heart is the admiration of the children who watch *Gladiators*. I am very sorry that I have let them down. I want children to stay away from drugs, to stay away from people who do drugs and to love their parents," he said.

Mr King said he took anabolic steroids — a compound of testosterone, stanozolol and oxymetholone — when he was acting in a pantomime at Christmas, four months after filming the last series of *Gladiators*.

The 19-stone athlete said that the pressure of the break-up of his marriage caused him to lose one and a half stone. "That is not a justification for what I did, but steroids can increase your body strength and give you an up-tempo feeling and I was looking for that," he said.

He dismissed a report in the *Sunday Mirror* that he had taken cocaine and said he would be consulting his lawyers about it.

Mr King is the first member of the *Gladiators* team to test positive since the programme's makers, LWT, made random drug-testing a contractual obligation for all *Gladiator* team members last year. The tests were introduced following allegations, in another ITV programme, *The Cook Report*, that some team members were taking banned substances.



Gladiators: attracts audience of 13 million

Although the anabolic steroids Mr King took are not illegal, they are banned by the International Olympics Committee and can, in some circumstances, have dangerous side effects. The incident is an embarrassment for ITV, which portrays the series as a "squeaky clean" celebration of human physical prowess.

Since it was imported from American television three years ago *Gladiators* has become one of ITV's biggest hits, regularly attracting 13 million viewers to its early Saturday evening slot. The hour-long programme pits enthusiastic and athletic amateur competitors against a resident team of highly trained athletes — the Gladiators — in a series of games designed to test fitness and strength.

When not displaying their physical prowess, the Gladiators are kept busy with lucrative personal appearances opening supermarkets or performing in pantomime. Mr King said he hoped now to open a fitness centre in South London, where he would become a trainer.

A spokesman from Kelloggs, which features a picture of Shadow on some of its Frosties breakfast cereal packs as part of a sponsorship deal with *Gladiators*, said last night that the company fully supported LWT's decision.



Jefferson King, the Gladiator Shadow, second left, with Ulrike Jonsson, the show's presenter, and colleagues

Howard gets tough on sports drugs

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL HOWARD, the Home Secretary, is to increase to five years' imprisonment the maximum penalty for supplying anabolic steroids in an attempt to curb their use in sport.

The tougher penalties will be introduced after a series of cases in which bodybuilders and athletes have been accused of taking the steriods and a report estimating that there are 50,000 users in Britain. A change to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 which is expected to be introduced during the current session of parliament will make it an offence to produce, supply, possess or export steriods with intent to supply. The maximum penalty will be three months in prison and a £2,500 fine on summary conviction and five years in jail and an unlimited fine on conviction after a trial. Mr Howard has stopped short of making possession of anabolic steroids a criminal offence despite evidence that the drugs can have harmful physical and psychological side-effects.

Evidence has suggested that using anabolic steroids without medical supervision can cause serious health problems affecting the heart and liver and also cause changes in moods and behaviour, including increased aggression. They are used by gymnasts anxious to improve their muscles.

Soldier denies shooting mourner

BY NICHOLAS WATT

A SOLDIER allegedly opened fire on mourners outside the home of an IRA bomber in frustration at seeing suspected terrorists, Belfast Crown Court was told yesterday.

Trooper Andrew Clarke, of the 9th/12th Lancers, fired "in a controlled manner" into the crowd outside the home of Thomas Begley, who had blown himself up in the IRA bomb attack on the Shankill Road in October 1993.

Michael Lavery, QC, for the Crown, said that Clarke allegedly described to police his "frustration at seeing people he regarded as terrorists walking the streets freely". But Mr Lavery described the attack as "an unjustified and unprovoked attack on a group of people who gave no indication that they were armed or posed any threat".

Clarke, who is originally from Merseyside, denies the attempted murder of Eddie Copeland, who was seriously injured in the alleged attack.

Mr Copeland was described by Sinn Fein at the time of the attack as a leading republican. Clarke also denies a charge of wounding Mr Copeland with intent and possession of a firearm and ammunition with intent to endanger life.

Mr Copeland said he was shot as he paid his respects outside Begley's house. "I just heard shooting and fell to the ground." The trial continues.

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Prison service rethinks security

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

STAFF in special secure units holding the most dangerous convicted prisoners and IRA terrorists are to be issued with personal alarms as part of a drive to improve security in British jails.

The alarms, for staff in Parkhurst on the Isle of Wight, Full Sutton near York and Whitemoor, Cambridgeshire, are disclosed in a draft of the prison service's corporate plan leaked to Channel 4 News. It highlights the serious damage done to the service's reputation by the breakout by IRA prisoners from Whitemoor and three lifers from Parkhurst. As a result officials are to mount a major drive to improve security throughout England and Wales.

More closed-circuit televisions and alarmed fences are to be erected in Category C jails while in some Category D prisons fencing with anti-intruder devices will be erected to prevent people entering the grounds.

A new draft of the service's corporate guidelines says: "Security is now the single overriding priority for the prison service. Our aim is to reduce sharply the number of escapes from prison and from custody outside prison. In particular, we aim to ensure that no Category A prisoner escapes." The report points out, however, that escapes have fallen by 37 per cent since April 1993.

Hurd battle

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state must be the "building block" of the new international order and future security arrangements had to be based on co-operation between sovereign governments rather than handed over to supranational bodies. "This will be the fundamental and unshakeable conviction on which British policy will be based in the years that lie ahead," he said.

Mr Rifkind risked upsetting French and Belgian federalists by renewing his call for an "Atlantic assembly" of American senators and congressmen and European politicians to strengthen links on trade and economic matters as well as defence and security.

Downing Street publicly rejected warnings from Sir Edward Heath and Lord Howe about being dragged down an unwise path by Tory outcasts. Lord Howe said British foreign policy was being "dragged into a ghetto of sentimentality and self-delusion". He claimed the Prime Minister had become a hostage to the Euro-sceptics, taking a tougher stance on closer ties with Europe purely to entice the nine rebel MPs back into the parliamentary party.

A senior Downing Street official said: "They are entitled to their views, but we obviously don't share them."

Robin Cook, Shadow Foreign Secretary, whose stand on Europe had been praised by Lord Howe, said: "The Government will not get the best deal out of Europe by reducing Britain to an offshore island on the fringes of Europe."

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Britain wins support for veal crate ban

Britain said last night that it had won support from Germany for a Europe-wide ban on veal crates (Michael Hornsby writes). After a meeting with Germany's Official State Secretary of Agriculture, in Cologne, Angela Browning, a junior Agriculture Minister, said: "Germany backs our call for a ban throughout the EU, and has promised to give all the help it can to our campaign." Germany has already introduced national legislation banning veal crates. Mrs Browning plans to visit Austria, The Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Belgium to press the British case.

Thieves strip day centre

Thieves have stripped a day centre for handicapped children within hours of it opening. Work was completed at the special needs nursery in York at the weekend but when staff arrived yesterday they found kitchen equipment, a television, video recorder, telephones, toys, educational books and fixtures and fittings had been stolen.

Blood claims rejected

The Government rejected calls yesterday for compensation to be given to haemophiliacs who had caught Hepatitis C from contaminated blood products during NHS transfusions. Baroness Cumberlege, the Junior Health Minister, told the House of Lords: "We have to be careful not to open the floodgates to every case that is made for compensation."

Father gasses children

A brother and sister were found dead in a fume-filled car yesterday beside the body of their father. Police believe John Burke decided to kill himself along with his daughter, Siobahn, aged six, and his stepson, John, eight. The three bodies were found in a country lane near Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan. Mr Burke had had left a note on the dashboard.

Police trace sisters

Two elderly sisters sought by police for three years were tracked down yesterday. Winifred Bristow, 76, and Joan Payne, 74, were found at a rented cottage near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. Angela Dodge, who travelled with them and is believed to be behind a string of deceptions, had gone. Police said the pensioners would not be charged.

Two-tier pay rises for legal aid lawyers

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LAW firms that carry out legal aid work under the Goverment-approved franchising scheme have been offered a bigger pay rise than other legal aid firms. The move by the Lord Chancellor towards differential pay is in line with the Government's plans to contract out all legal aid work to firms who achieve

present, 11,000 solicitors' offices provide legal aid, but so far only 1,000 of them have been awarded franchises.

Under the franchising scheme launched last year by the Legal Aid Board, firms are granted greater freedom to provide legal aid services and paid more quickly in return for meeting approved quality

Lord Chancellor outlined proposals that would build on the franchising scheme and place law firms and advice agencies on fixed contracts.

The proposals will form the basis of a Green Paper expected in the spring. Under the terms of the offer, which represents the first pay rise for three years for legal aid lawyers, receive a three per cent rise for criminal work in magistrates' courts, while others would receive a 1.5 per cent for all criminal work.

Franchised solicitors would also get a two per cent pay rise for legal aid advice work (green form) in areas of law where they hold a franchise, while other law firms get no

Outed bishop resigns to become monk

■ Bishop Bavin's decision to become a monk was unconnected with his naming by a gay group, he told Ruth Gledhill

THE Bishop of Portsmouth, the Right Rev Timothy Bavin, is resigning to become a monk. Bishop Bavin, 59, will exchange his purple cassock, mitre and the trimmings of episcopal office for the black habit and poverty of monastic life in October this year.

After ten years at Portsmouth the bishop, one of 26 to sit in the House of Lords, will join the seven monks in the Anglican Benedictine community at Alton Abbey, Hampshire, as a postulant. He will become a novice and spend three years in junior vows before taking the solemn vows that will bind him for life to the order's rules of poverty, chastity and obedience.

The bishop said his resignation was unconnected with his public "outing" by the gay human rights group Outrage last November. Bishop Bavin was one of a number of allegedly homosexual clergymen to be named. He made no comment at the time. His chaplain, the Rev Howard Barker, said: "It was clear at the time that this action was based on hearsay and innuendo. We want to emphasise there is no connection."

Bishop Bavin told the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, of his plans to enter the religious life in 1993, and the Archbishop agreed last year that the bishop might inform the Queen of his wish to resign this year. Bishop Bavin said yesterday the two events were unconnected: "This had been decided last year. The only question was when." Earlier the bishop, speaking on BBC Radio 4, said it was not true that he had been hounded out of office. "It's inevitable people will make connections of that sort, but all I can do is to deny them." He said the tactics employed by Outrage were not helpful. "The way to change people's attitudes is to generally get alongside them and to work with them."

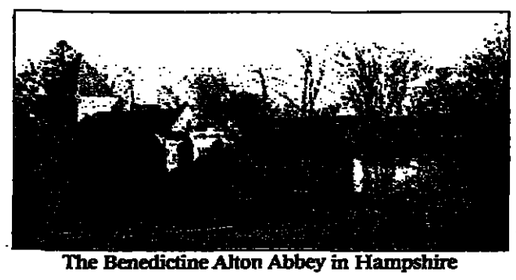
The Bishop was one of about ten bishops who led the episcopal opposition to women priests in the Church of England and there was speculation in church circles that he might even convert to Roman Catholicism.

However, the bishop changed his mind on the issue of women priests over a period of several months and many opponents were disappointed when, after the General Synod vote in favour in 1992, Bishop Bavin decided to ordain them himself in Portsmouth.

The Bishop said yesterday he had considered entering a Catholic Benedictine community. "But I believe God has called me into the Anglican Church. I have served my life and ministry in the Anglican Church. The call to the religious life in a community is one that has been with me for many years, but I always kept it in the back of my mind because of the job I was doing." The turning point came when he realised he was going to turn 60 this year. "I have been a bishop for 20 years, first in Johannesburg and now here. If I am going to make this big change, I need to make it before I am much older."

He had not gone earlier, because "part of me felt it might be running away from responsibility".

He will remain a bishop, entitled to confirm and ordain, but for two years will carry out no episcopal duties. After that, the extent of his episcopal work will depend on the Bishop of Winchester and the abbot.



The Benedictine Alton Abbey in Hampshire

Bishop Bavin has come to know the community at Alton Abbey through his work there as its visitor, the person who acts as mentor or guarantor of the community's life and health to the Church of England. This job has required him to make quinquennial inspections, and he has stayed there regularly.

One of Bishop Bavin's fellow bishops, who asked to remain anonymous, said: "I have considerable sympathies with him. I doubt if he will miss being a bishop. But I am sure the Bishop of Portsmouth is embracing this for all the right reasons."

The bishop will automatically lose his seat in the House of Lords when he retires. The Bishop of Blackburn, the Right Rev Alan Chesters, is expected to succeed him there.

David Allison, of Outrage, said later: "The naming of the bishops has produced a very positive response from the Church of England. Earlier this month, bishops held a previously unscheduled discussion on homosexual issues, which resulted in a strongly worded condemnation of anti-gay discrimination."

Clergyman who opted for a quieter life

AS A bishop, Timothy Bavin's day begins at 7am in his chapel (Ruth Gledhill writes). By 9.15, after breakfast, he is at his desk and remains there for the rest of the morning, answering letters and dealing with diocesan administration. Sometimes he might have to attend a meeting. After a working lunch and a "20-minute snooze" he spends the afternoon dealing with appointments or in meetings, and preparing for evening engagements ranging from confirmations, meetings or social events. His day is punctuated by regular prayer, and if he is lucky, he is in bed by midnight. As a member of the General Synod's House of Bishops and one of the 26 bishops to sit in the House of Lords, he travels regularly to London and York.

At Alton Abbey, he will be in church by 5.30am. He will remain in prayer until 7am, when there will be a further hour for reading, followed by "conventual eucharist", the morning communion service, which is open to the public. At 10am he and other members go to work for two hours at community tasks such as gardening or helping in the guest house. They meet at midday for prayer and lunch, work through the afternoon and meet again for vespers, or evening prayers. After a short "recreation" period they have supper, meet for compline or last prayers, after which they must remain in silence. He would expect to be in bed by 9pm.

Father gets £1m for pathological grief after death of two daughters

BY EMMA WILKINS

A SUCCESSFUL businessman who became a helpless recluse after his two daughters were killed in a car accident received more than £1 million compensation yesterday for the devastating impact on his life.

Peter Vernon, 52, who lost control of his electronics company after the accident 12 years ago, lives on state benefits and is unemployable except for menial tasks, the High Court in London was told. He was a witness to the aftermath of the accident, in which his children Theresa, three, and Phillipa, seven, were drowned when a Volvo driven by their nanny plunged into a river in Wales.

While his condition could partly be described as post-traumatic stress disorder, Mr Vernon's state also showed elements of pathological grief, Mr Justice Sedley said in a 262-page reserved judgment.

Mr Vernon, who now lives alone in a rectory near Tetbury, Gloucestershire, is incapable of performing simple domestic tasks including working the washing machine, the court was told. After the accident, he tried for four years to save the company, but could not cope.

Prudence Vernon, his estranged wife, left the family home just over two years ago with the couple's three children born since the accident. Mrs Vernon's departure was a direct consequence of the deterioration in her husband's character and behaviour, the court was told.

The couple witnessed attempts to save their daughters after the accident in August 1982 when the girls' nanny was driving the children and a family friend along a road in Powys.

The family Volvo struck the kerb, went out of control and plunged into the River Tawe. Katherine Bosley, the nanny, escaped through the driver's window but the Vernon children, their friend Sophie Beloe, and the family labrador were drowned.

Mr and Mrs Vernon were called to the scene by police, not knowing their children's fate, until rescuers pulled the car from the water. "From the bank they watched helplessly as hope came and went," Mr Justice Sedley said. "There is no need to detail the horror of the event: it was every parent's nightmare become a reality."

Mr Vernon's claim for damages was against General Accident, Miss Bosley's insurers. The £1,178,526.90 award was stayed pending a ruling from Mr Justice Sedley on legal costs and interest.

General Accident is studying the judgment and considering legal options, including a possible appeal. Explaining the length of the 70-day hearing, Mr Justice Sedley said the insurers had disputed every element and detail of Mr Vernon's claim.

Mr Vernon plans to use the award to provide a stable financial future for his three children — two boys and a girl. His solicitor said outside the court that the threat of a possible appeal was hampering his plans.



The Princess meets staff at Harlem Hospital yesterday after visiting the hospital's Aids paediatric centre

Princess is queen for a day in New York

THE Princess of Wales arrived in New York yesterday to find the city yearning for her to fill the void left by the departure of "Jackie O" (James Bone writes). The Princess's day was a typical New York blend of philanthropy and networking: a visit to Aids babies in Harlem, a power-lunch and an appearance at all-star fashion gala at Lincoln Centre.

Her visit to the city, even if for only 24 hours, provided grist for the gossip mill, and the prospect of her taking a magazine job at *Harper's Bazaar* was the talk of the town.

The Princess spent the morning meeting mothers and babies infected with HIV at Harlem Hospital, which she first visited in 1989. Lunch, a private affair, was organised by Veronica Hearst, wife of the media baron Randolph Hearst, the owner of *Harper's Bazaar* and a stable of other publications.

But the hottest ticket was for the fashion industry annual "Oscars" at Lincoln Centre, where 1,100 guests payed $1,000-a-plate to be in the Princess's presence. Again, she was to be the host of the Hearsts, who paid $25,000 for the honour. Also booked to sit at her table was her friend Liz Tilberis, former editor of British *Vogue* who now edits the Hearsts' *Harper's Bazaar*.

The Princess was expected to present Ms Tilberis with a special award from the Council of Fashion Designers of America. The late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, New York's last real superstar celebrity, was to receive a posthumous award for her contribution to fashion.

Lecturer 'had no motive' to poison wife

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A UNIVERSITY lecturer yesterday denied that he attempted to murder his wife and an 11-year-old girl by lacing their drinks with the drug atropine.

Paul Agutter, 48, also denied endangering the lives of eight other people who drank spiked tonic water bought from a supermarket. He admitted to Edinburgh High Court that his job as a biochemistry lecturer at Napier University gave him access to the atropine, but said he had no motive to kill.

Asked why he did not call an ambulance when his wife became violently ill after sipping a gin and tonic he prepared for her last August, Agutter, of Athelstaneford, Lothian, said: "I take the view that our emergency services are badly overstretched." He said he had phoned his GP. When she saw his wife, she sent for an ambulance.

Agutter said that if he had been guilty of poisoning his wife, he would have thrown the tonic water down the sink, instead of handing it to an ambulance man for analysis.

The trial continues.

Angry boyfriend made a bonfire of the vanities

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN who became incensed at his fiancée's extravagance set fire to her favourite clothes when he discovered that she had paid for her latest shopping spree from their joint bank account.

Alan Cunningham, 37, piled up clothes worth £1,600 from Jackie Wilkins's wardrobe in the front garden of the home they shared and doused them in barbecue lighter fluid before setting them on fire, magistrates in Haverfordwest, Dyfed, were told yesterday. Cunningham, manager of the Bristol Trader Pub in Haverfordwest, who was prepared to admit arson, was let off with a police caution after Miss Wilkins asked that he be dealt with leniently. The couple have split up since the incident.

"It was the last straw," Cunningham said after the hearing. "I could have handled competing with another man for her affections, but I couldn't beat her wardrobe."

Timothy Roberts, for the prosecution, said that Miss Wilkins spent £80 on a navy blue Marks and Spencer blazer during a secret shopping expedition. When the couple's joint bank statement arrived Cunningham lost his temper and made a bonfire from 55 items of clothing, throwing the blazer into the flames.

Cunningham said: "While she was out I rushed around the house grabbing huge armfuls of her clothes. I piled them all on the front lawn, poured barbecue fuel over them, then tossed a match on to the heap. I stood and watched as the flames engulfed all her skirts, leggings, blouses, underwear, and coats before throwing water on."

He then went to see his 28-year-old fiancée at her mother's house and told her what he had done. He said: "She went absolutely crazy. Jackie always liked to dress up in nice things so I thought I'd hit her where it would hurt most. I did feel a bit sorry afterwards but I'd do it again under the same circumstances." He spent a night in police cells after being arrested.

The court heard that even though the couple had parted after living together for four years, Miss Wilkins did not want Cunningham to have a criminal conviction.

Miss Wilkins, a hospital administrative worker, said afterwards: "I admit I do like clothes. What woman doesn't? But I'm not obsessed with them. All I did was buy an ordinary blazer. I didn't deserve what he did."



Jackie Wilkins and Alan Cunningham, her ex-fiancé

Danger UXB call brings belated visit from Army

BY PAUL WILKINSON

BOMB disposal experts turned up yesterday to look for a Second World War bomb in a cottage garden 18 months after the alarm was raised. The first soldier sent to find the bomb was diverted to assist the UN in Bosnia, so was the second and then the third expert found himself too busy and had to pass the file over to a fourth.

It then took months to sort out a wrangle between the Army and the late owner's solicitors over indemnities for possible damage to the building. Innesfree Cottage, and neighbouring homes in Louth, Lincolnshire. Even if the latest three-day investigation does find a bomb, it will be April before the Army starts operations to remove it.

"It seems they have a very full diary," said Ann Clark, a legal executive with Wilkin and Chapman, the solicitors attempting to sell the empty cottage. "The Army reckons that as the bomb has not gone off after 50 years, it is not gong to cause any trouble now unless someone disturbs it, so it has got a low priority.

"We are not even sure if there is one there, it is only because a neighbour claimed he heard one fall that we called in the bomb disposal people. We cannot sell it with a bomb lodged in the foundations. The Army is drilling to see what they can find, but if they do find something they have told us it will be spring before they can tackle it."

The alarm was sounded by Gordon Bennett, 57, a neighbour, who remembered his father investigating at the time. "He was a jobbing builder and he used his plumbline to measure how far down it was," he said. "He did it very carefully and told me it was 13ft 6in inches to the outer shell. I've know it was there since I was a little boy. I told the owners about it often enough but they didn't seem at all bothered.

"When the house went up for sale I had to tell the estate agents because I was worried that if they used vibrating equipment during renovations it could blow."

The Army was unable to say yesterday what was happening at the site. "All those who know about it are out digging in Louth," a spokeswoman said.

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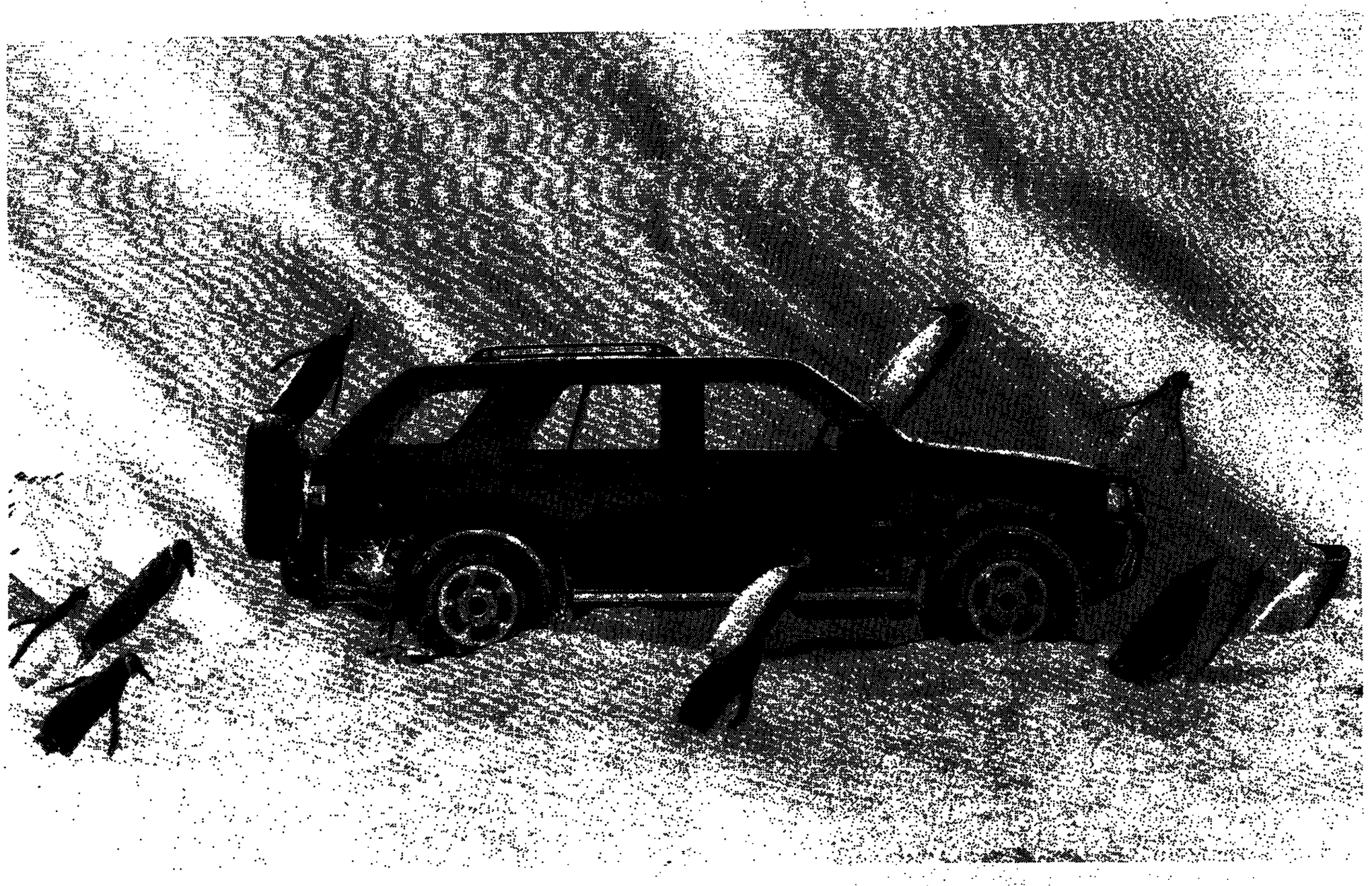
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Former PoWs file for compensation in Japanese courts

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

A BRITISH-LED mission of former Allied prisoners of war formally filed a compensation suit against the Japanese Government yesterday for trauma suffered in Japanese labour camps during the Second World War.

The seven members of the mission — four Britons, an Australian, a New Zealander and an American — said that they would not rest until the Japanese Government gave them a full written apology, as well as "token compensation" of $22,000 (£14,000) each to more than 20,000 former PoWs in the four countries.

The group is now planning an international campaign to urge foreign governments to refuse Japan's entry into international organisations such as the United Nations Security Council.

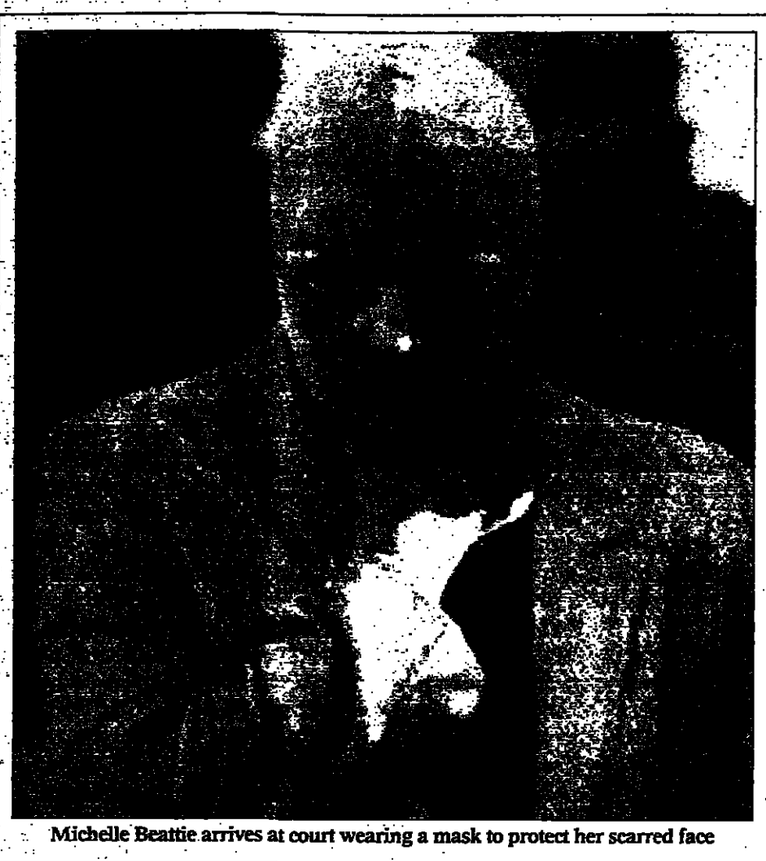
"Revenge, however, is not the motive," said Martyn Day, a British solicitor and spokesman for the group. "These court proceedings were commenced in sorrow rather than anger. What we want to see is proper and full resolution of this matter. But we want to stress this claim is against the Government, not against the Japanese people."

According to the group's Japanese lawyers, the first hearing of the case will be in the summer. Until then, the group is working to increase contacts with other groups of people who suffered under the Japanese army. They include the so-called comfort women who were forced into sex slavery by Japanese soldiers, Asian PoWs and civilian forced labourers. A joint delegation representing the groups will go to the G7 summit in Canada, which is scheduled for a few weeks before the 50th anniversary of the end of the war in August.

The former PoWs have launched a well-orchestrated publicity campaign which, in the last week in Tokyo, has featured press conferences, memorial ceremonies and meetings with Japanese war veterans, Korean comfort women and historians. The mission has attracted some criticism from commentators who say its timing is inappropriate in view of the earthquake that devastated Kobe.

Concerns have also been expressed that the publicity campaign could undermine a visit by Michael Heseltine, The Board of Trade President is leading a 60-member mission to promote British trade and commercial interests in Japan. Mr Heseltine last night rejected such concerns and said the two missions were "entirely separate".

Mr Day, however, conceded that the group's case was, to a degree, embarrassing to the British Government. "But I wouldn't take the point too far because clearly the Government has taken an interest in our case, and has given us help, even arranging meetings and receptions for us."



Michelle Beattie arrives at court wearing a mask to protect her scarred face

Man set fire to wife after she started affair, court told

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN wearing a surgical mask and gloves to protect her scarred face and hands told a court yesterday how her jealous husband turned her into a human torch.

Michelle Beattie had started an affair with a workmate while her husband Leslie was on holiday in Tenerife. The couple had already decided to end their eight-year marriage.

But Mr Beattie, 35, could not bear the thought of his 31-year-old wife in the arms of another man, Durham Crown Court heard. After a row, Mrs Beattie went to sleep in the spare bedroom of their home in Cramlington, Northumberland.

Paul Batty, for the prosecution, said Mr Beattie then carried their sleeping five-year-old daughter Gemma downstairs before returning to douse his wife with petrol. Mrs Beattie told the jury she woke and found her husband standing over her with a petrol can and cigarette lighter. He sprinkled petrol on to her clothes and over the bed and carpet. "He brought the lighter in front of me and kept threatening 'I'll do it, I'll do it'. I was terrified."

Police, who had been alerted by a neighbour, tried to grab Mr Beattie's cigarette lighter but there was a spark, and the room ignited, the court heard. "The place just seemed to go up like a bomb. There was a big explosion. I felt myself ignite. My whole body was ablaze. It was just like slow motion," Mrs Beattie said.

Mrs Beattie spent more than three months in hospital with 41 per cent burns. She was "permanently disfigured", and had to wear a mask 23 hours a day, Mr Batty said.

Mr Beattie denies attempting to murder his wife and two charges of arson with intent to endanger life in December 1993. He admits arson being reckless as to whether life was endangered. The trial continues.

Cot deaths couple to sue Health Department

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A COUPLE whose relationship broke down after they suffered two cot deaths within a year have been granted legal aid to sue the Department of Health for negligence.

Nigel and Julie Tuckwell, of Wakefield, are among an estimated 150 parents throughout the country who believe the department was negligent in failing to warn of the dangers of baby mattresses after reports that they contain fire-retardant chemicals which emit toxic fumes.

Their daughter Katie died in her cot on her father's birthday in January 1989. Phillip died 11 months later in the same room. Both were under 12 months old.

Last month, Joanne Forrest, of Manchester, whose baby of nine months died in his cot, was the first to receive legal aid to challenge the Government over lack of safety warnings.

The Government denies any negligence in warning of potential dangers associated with the mattresses.

Foreigners outperform British students

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

FOREIGN students who join Cambridge University's mathematics degree course for high-flyers are outperforming their British counterparts, exposing a decline in the teaching of the subject in schools, a leading don said yesterday.

Cambridge is simplifying its mathematics tripos for the second time in four years because many students can no longer cope with the demands. A third of the students admitted to the course come from overseas universities.

Professor David Crighton, head of applied mathematics and theoretical physics, said "I regard them as our own control group. Usually, they are not studying in their first language and often have little experience of written examinations, but they are holding their own with ease."

He added: "Our view is that changes in maths teaching in schools have been foisted on the National Curriculum by professional educationalists in teacher training colleges ... I'm not blaming the teachers."

Patient sent DIY kit to take out abdominal stitch

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN of 70 who was sent a scalpel and a pair of forceps through the post and told by her local hospital to remove her own stitch is to be the subject of a Scottish Office report. The woman who attended the menopause clinic at Stobhill Hospital in Glasgow had a hormone implant stitched into her abdomen.

Yesterday Stobhill, an NHS Trust, said about 300 patients a year removed their own stitches at home without medical help. The hospital said the practice had been going on for years but Scottish doctors reacted with amazement to the news.

The British Medical Association said it did not approve of patients removing their own stitches and said it did not know of other cases where this had happened.

Irene Hamilton, BMA Scottish spokeswoman, said: "It is not a satisfactory state of affairs, especially where the patient is elderly. I'm astonished that his should happen in the Scottish Health Service especially when we are being told how well funded it is." Lord Fraser, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, has asked for a report into the incident, which came to light when the patient's GP protested to the hospital.

Dr Sam Galbraith, Labour MP for Strathkelvin and Bearsden, is to raise the matter in the Commons. He said: "Taking out stitches is normally simple but there can be complications. Medical help should be available."

Hospitals of the future will offer quick, painless, bloodless operations in which engineers play as important a role as surgeons, experts said yesterday.

John Wickham, senior research fellow at Guy's and St Thomas's medical school, told a conference on new technology in surgery organised by the Royal Academy of Engineering: "We have to get away from the idea that if something goes wrong you make a bloody great hole, put your hands inside and sort it out. Our grandchildren won't believe that is what we did."



The forceps and scalpel sent to an elderly woman

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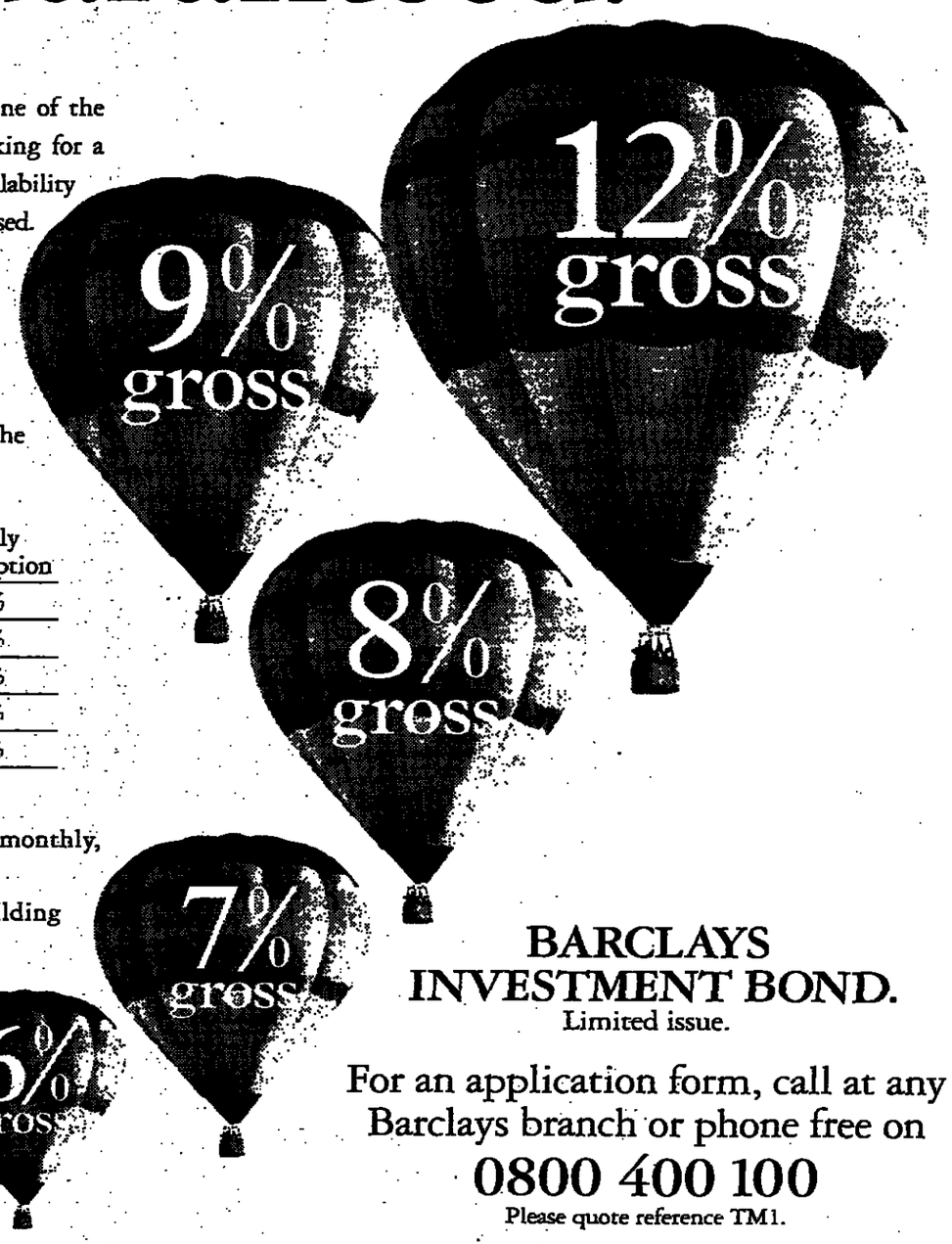
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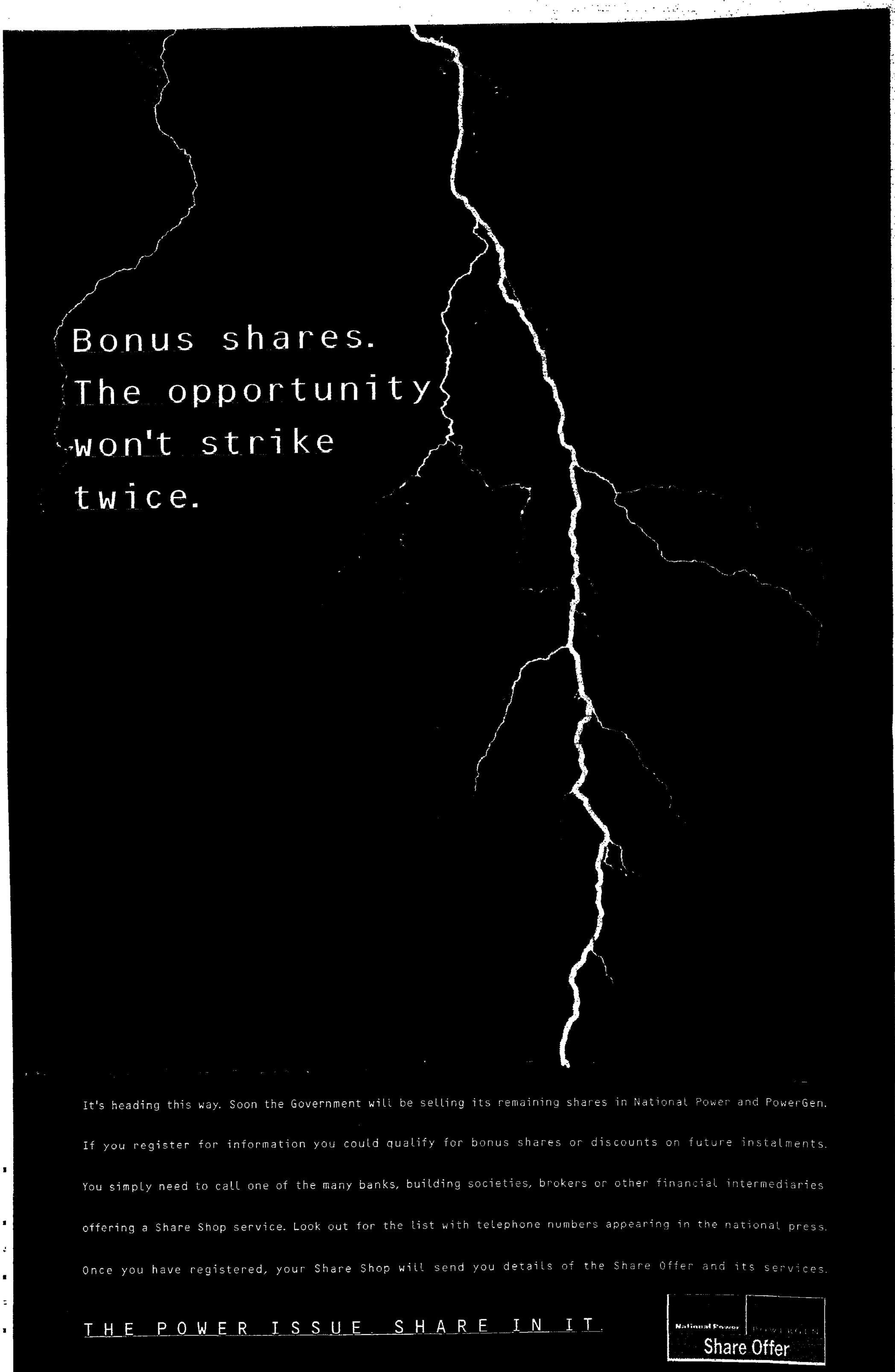
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Free parking gives a boost to capital's battery cars

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

LONDON is to offer free meter parking in the city centre to drivers of electric cars.

The scheme was unveiled yesterday by Westminster City Council, which sees it as a new weapon in its war on air pollution. It is claimed to be the first scheme of its kind in Europe and is backed by the Electric Vehicle Association, a trade body set up to develop the market.

Brian Roden, director of the association, said yesterday he was delighted, adding: "Initially very few vehicles will use the free parking. There are only around 30,000 electric vehicles and 20,000 of those are milk floats."

The initiative coincides with the possible solution in California to one of the biggest drawbacks to electric vehicles: the maximum range for the best electric cars is 100 miles and recharging the batteries takes several hours. Scientists at SRI, the former Stanford Research Institute, and the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratories have proposed a new kind of battery that would allow electric cars to be charged up in seconds in the same way that petrol-engined cars fill up at the pumps.

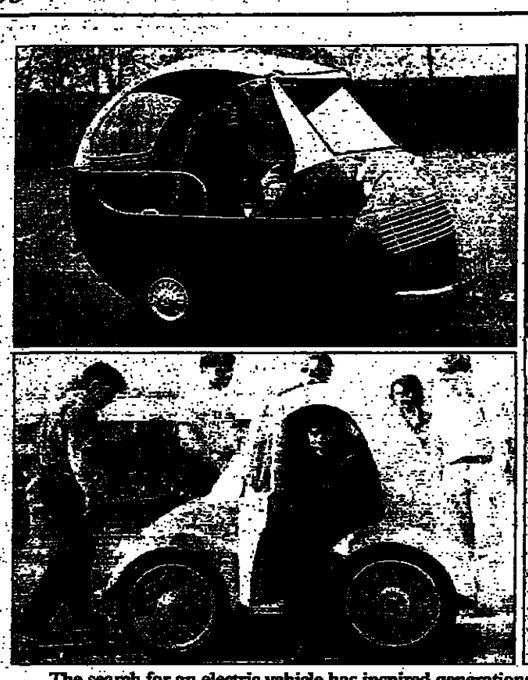
Westminster's move has not met with universal approval. Roger King, public affairs director for the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said: "The electric car is a pipe dream. A really enlightened council should be thinking of reducing parking charges for cars with catalytic converters, which are 92 per cent cleaner than old cars."

Malcom Fergusson, a transport and pollution expert with the Institute for European Environmental Policy, said: "It all a bit of a gimmick. Quite frankly I cannot see that electric cars offer enormous benefits in terms of overall air quality."

Mr Fergusson, who will be speaking on the environmental impact of electric vehicles later this month at a National Society for Clean Air conference, said widespread use of electric vehicles would increase pollution at power stations and emissions of carbon dioxide, the gas linked to global warming. And while local air quality could be boosted by switching rubbish trucks and delivery vans to battery power, more electric cars could increased parking problems in big cities.

Mr Fergusson said: "The performance is so poor. People will only have one as a second car at best rather than as the all-purpose family car. In Westminster no one is going to give up their Jag."

Mr Roden dismissed such criticisms as blinkered. He said electric cars cost 3p a mile to run and predicted the cost of buying a small car converted to battery use, now about £15,000, would fall to £8,000 in a few years.





The search for an electric vehicle has inspired generations of inventors without capturing the public imagination

Dream machine that has yet to run out of steam

BY NICK NUTTALL

THERE have been many false dawns for the electric vehicle. Most will recall the ill-fated C5, the battery-powered three-wheeler designed by Sir Clive Sinclair.

But few may remember the Enfield 8000. The Electricity Council ordered 60 of these mini-sized motors after the energy crisis of 1973. However, it cost more than £2,000, about twice the price of a Mini, and coasted to a halt after 45 miles.

The first bright spark was a carriage which in 1837 moved under its own electric power in Aberdeen only six years after Michael Faraday discovered the basis of electromagnetic induction. London's first licensed cab was an electric vehicle built by WC Bersey and launched in 1897. The lead acid battery had 40 cells and ran at 12mph for 50 miles on a charge.

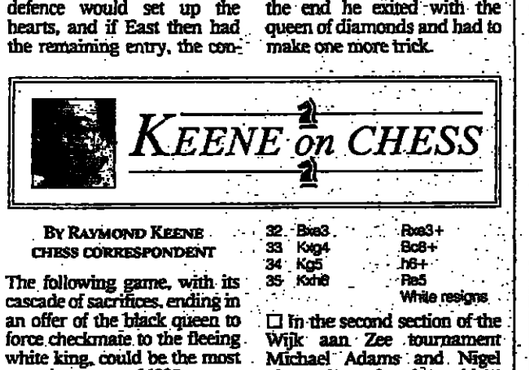
These early attempts to exploit the electric car as a rival to steam, although promising, could not in the end compete with the petrol-driven internal combustion engine. Undeterred, inventors have continued to offer electric vehicles to a unconvinced public. However, the potential for battery-powered vehicles is changing, driven by a boom in technological developments and the search for less polluting means of travel. Many new battery ideas are being devised including using flywheels to drive an electric engine.

Of the 10,000 electric vehicles on British roads which are not milk floats, many are bread vans, baggage handling trucks at stations or test vehicles being used by utilities, local authorities and companies. Some enthusiastic individuals have also converted cars to run on batteries.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said it was not aware that the private motorist could buy an electric vehicle in Britain. In France and Italy, Citroen, Peugeot and Fiat do sell electric cars and these could be imported.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer East — East-West game. IMPs



W	N	E	S
Deutsch	Muller	Rosenberg	de Boer
—	—	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All pass			

Contract: 3NT by South. Opening lead: ♥6

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Several hands this week concern the Macallan Pairs, concluded last Friday. The excellent bulletin of the tournament was edited by Patrick Jourdain.

No doubt you are familiar with the idea of knocking out the danger entry first. It came up in a particularly clear form on today's hand. After Rosenberg had opened in hearts Deutsch led a heart against South's 3NT. Rosenberg ducking the first round. After losing a trick in each of spades and diamonds de Boer could count eight sure tricks, but there was a danger that the defence would set up the hearts, and if East then had the remaining entry, the contract would fail. When dummy won the first heart trick, de Boer continued with the ace of spades before playing a diamond.

When East shows out, clearing the diamonds is wrong — West continues hearts, East establishes the suit and gets in with the the king of spades to beat the contract. Instead de Boer won the ace of diamonds, and led the queen of spades. East took the spade and switched to the king of clubs, removing the entry to the diamonds. De Boer ducked and was now in control. East switched to hearts, but now South took four more spade tricks, to go with the four other tricks he had already made. At the end he exited with the queen of diamonds and had to make one more trick.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

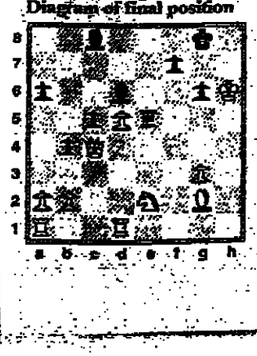
The following game, with its cascade of sacrifices, ending in an offer of the black queen to force checkmate to the fleeing white king, could be the most stunning game of 1995.

White: Roberto Cifuentes
Black: Vadim Zvagintsev
Wijk aan Zee, January 1995

Semi-Slav Defence

1	d4	e6
2	Nf3	d5
3	c4	Nf6
4	Nc3	c6
5	e3	Nbd7
6	Qc2	b6
7	Be2	Bb7
8	0-0	Be7
9	Rd1	0-0
10	e4	dxe4
11	Nxe4	Qc7
12	Nc3	c5
13	d5	exd5
14	cxd5	a6
15	Nf1	g6
16	Bh6	Rfe8
17	Qd2	Bd8
18	g3	b5
19	Bf3	b4
20	Ne2	Ne4
21	Qc2	Ndf6
22	Ng2	Qd7
23	Ne3	Rad8
24	Bg2	Nd2
25	Kf2	Rxe3
26	Bxe3	Ng4+
27	Kf3	Nxh2+
28	Kf2	Ng4+
29	Kf3	Qe6
30	Bf4	Re8
31	Qc4	Qa3+

Diagram of final position



32	Bxe3	Rxe3+
33	Kxg4	Bc8+
34	Kg5	h6+
35	Kxh6	Re5
		White resigns

☐ In the second section of the Wijk aan Zee tournament Michael Adams and Nigel Short share fourth position. In round 11, Adams won this game against a promising young Russian.

White: Vadim Zvagintsev
Black: Michael Adams

Queen's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	e6
3	c4	b6
4	Nc3	Bb4
5	Bg5	Bb7
6	e3	h6
7	Bh4	g5
8	Bg3	Ne4
9	Qc2	Bxc3+
10	bxc3	Nxg3
11	hxg3	d6
12	g4	Nd7
13	Be2	Qe7
14	Rh2	0-0-0
15	Nd2	Rdf8
16	0-0-0	f5
17	gxf5	exf5
18	Bf3	h5
19	Qe4	Kb8
20	Nb3	Bxf3
21	gxf3	f4
22	Re1	g4
23	Rxh1	g3
24	exd4	g2
25	Rhg1	Qg7
26	Qb5	a6
27	Qg5	Qf7
28	Qxg2	Qxc4
29	Kb2	Nf6
30	Qf1	Qxd1
31	Rgxd1	Nd5
32	Kc2	Nxf4
33	Nc1	h4
34	Nd3	Ned3
35	Kxd3	Rxd3+
36	Re3	Rxe3+
37	Kxe3	Kc8
38	Kf3	Kd7
39	Rh1	Ke6
40	Kg4	Rg8+
41	Kf3	Rf8+
42	Kg2	Rf4
		White resigns

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Secret monitors lift curtain for MPs and peers

■ GCHQ, Cheltenham, which has escaped the public scrutiny directed at MI5 and MI6, is preparing to justify its role and £500m annual budget. Michael Evans reports

THE most secretive of Britain's three intelligence services, GCHQ, is preparing to emerge from the shadows as it waits to be summoned before the new parliamentary overview committee chaired by Tom King, the former Defence Secretary.

Government Communications headquarters at Cheltenham, which employs more people and spends more than MI5 and MI6 combined, is expecting to face rigorous questioning by the King committee.

A special briefing paper outlining GCHQ's functions has now been drawn up by staff at the Cheltenham centre and sent to the parliamentary Intelligence and Security Committee, created under the Intelligence Services Act.

Mr King and the other members of the committee, including Lord Howe of Aberavon, the former Foreign Secretary, have already met at the Cabinet Office to discuss how to carry out their new responsibilities.

The first hearing, when witnesses from the intelligence services will be called to give evidence, is expected next month. Senior staff at GCHQ admit that interrogation by the committee of MPs and peers, even though it will be carried out within the so-called "ring of secrecy", will be more of a culture shock for them than for MI5 and MI6.

GCHQ staff have deliberately courted the image of being "dusty, old-fashioned, Cold War" secret servants. That reputation has helped them to remain in the shadows in the past but makes it more difficult for them in the new era of openness.

Tucked away on the outskirts of Cheltenham, GCHQ is the largest employer of pure mathematicians in the country, some of whom are described by their colleagues as being "close to the dividing line between genius and insanity".

Their role and achievements will come under scrutiny from the intelligence committee, whose members will question whether GCHQ has changed its role since the end of the Cold War and whether it is providing value for money. GCHQ has an annual budget of about £500 million and a staff of 6,000.

With its satellite-linked dishes at Cheltenham and at outstations abroad, including Cyprus and Hong Kong, GCHQ monitors telecommunications and other electronic signals, searching for anything that will "add a few more pieces to the intelligence jigsaw". They rely on "other people's carelessness", a sentence here or there in an international phone conversation that gives away a crucial clue.

GCHQ's efforts have to reflect the "statement of national requirement", drawn up by the Cabinet Office's Joint Intelligence Committee, whose members include the heads of the three intelligence services. The director of GCHQ is Sir John Adye.



King: to chair group scrutinising GCHQ

Senior GCHQ staff who expect to be called before the parliamentary committee are hoping to dispel what they say are the myths that have grown up about their secret work. One, they insist, is that GCHQ "hoovers up" everything in the ether 24 hours a day, from conversations between Russian military commanders in their staff cars to coded exchanges between terrorists and plottings by financial fraudsters. They say it is technically impossible to eavesdrop on such a comprehensive scale. Such a widescale operation was also far beyond GCHQ's budget.

One source said: "GCHQ is in the business of looking for needles in haystacks and they are pretty big haystacks. That does genuinely set in perspective the environment in which GCHQ has to work." GCHQ radio operators and analysts, backed by advanced computers, spend most of the time sifting the dross to try to find genuine intelligence. "They rarely get things handed them on a plate," the source said.

Another myth GCHQ seems anxious to dispel is that it turns its satellite dishes inwards as a matter of daily routine to scoop up telephone and cable communications across the country, listening in on indiscreet liaisons involving members of the Royal Family or senior staff at the Ministry of Defence.

Under the Intelligence Services Act, GCHQ is not excluded from monitoring internal United Kingdom traffic but it is nearly always because there is an overseas connection, the sources said. GCHQ, like MI6, comes under the aegis of the Foreign Office and therefore principally provides foreign and defence intelligence. However, if radio operators come across information that could be useful for a police prosecution, the Act allows that intelligence to be passed on. GCHQ codebreakers are also used for deciphering coded material uncovered by the police in criminal investigations.

GCHQ has, in addition, a secondary role, which is to protect the security of the nation's official and military communications. GCHQ experts also advise government and industry on communications and computer security.



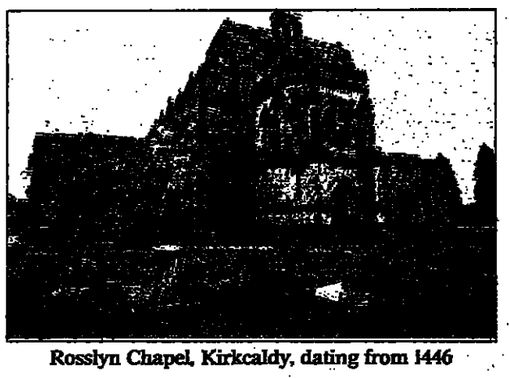
John Larson uses the laser to remove a coating of lime and cement, the result of restoration work in the 1950s, from a carving

Laser rescues chapel's medieval carvings

MEDICAL lasers most commonly used to remove tattoos are being employed to reveal important 15th-century carvings that have been obscured for more than 40 years (Dalya Alberge writes).

The technology will save the stone treasures of the Rosslyn Chapel in Kirkcaldy, Fife, which dates from 1446. The chapel's "riots in ornamentation" inspired Sir Walter Scott to put pen to paper. The carvings are decaying so rapidly that they are in danger of being lost forever.

Rosslyn is a chapel so densely filled with carved flora, fauna and figures, it has been likened to a Hindu temple. Window traceries feature angels holding books and scrolls, a vaulted roof is studded with star-shapes and flying buttresses are lined with delicate roses. Restorating such intricately worked stone could take up to six years, with a team of three or four conservators working full-time. It took some four hours to complete last week's initial experiment on a single head.



Rosslyn Chapel, Kirkcaldy, dating from 1446

The laser technique has been developed in Britain by the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside. John Larson, its head of sculpture conservation, said that drastic action was needed to undo the conservation work of the 1950s. His team needs to remove a thick coating of lime and cement, which was applied in the misguided belief that it would halt the stonework's decay. Conservators coated the entire interior of the chapel. In some areas, they brushed on the material so clumsily that it is up to 3mm thick. Ungainly brushmarks further obscure a wealth of fine detail.

Mr Larson said: "It is getting pretty desperate. The stone surface is flaking badly." Unless action was taken, the carvings could be lost forever. The salt in the sandstone was coming away, taking with it the original stone. Removing the hard outer layer of lime and cement coating was vital to allow the salt to escape, "to let the stone breathe".

Mr Larson spoke of the thrill of seeing an eye of a carved face suddenly peering at them as they undertook their initial experiment. It had been entirely obscured from view. Laser is the only way to remove the outer layer without damaging the stone underneath. Mr Larson said that water would aggravate the salts more; chemical treatment would hasten the decay, and traditional abrasive techniques could damage the stone.

The Laser's concentrated beam vaporises the material, and it affects cement but not stone.

About £1 million is needed for the restoration. Although the chapel hopes for millennium support, it will be launching an appeal. Queen Victoria would not be amused to hear that Rosslyn Chapel is decaying. She was so impressed by its beauty, on her visit in 1842, that she said that something so unique should be preserved for the country.



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NRA acts to curb oil pollution of rivers

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A CAMPAIGN to prevent oil pollution in rivers and streams was launched yesterday. There are more than 6,000 oil pollution incidents each year in the National Rivers Authority's eight regions in England and Wales.

The authority's "Follow the Oil Care Code" campaign is aimed at all who use, store, distribute and dispose of oil. The NRA has set up a freephone number — 0800-663366 — to enable the public to locate their nearest oil recycling bank.

Oil companies are helping the authority by distributing literature advising on the use of oil. Many incidents are caused by small industrial users — such as garages and factories with storage tanks — taking poor pollution prevention measures, or by DIY users simply flushing waste oil down a drain.

A few litres of oil can cover a large area of water, reducing river oxygen levels, harming fish, birds and plants, and affecting drinking water. Pollution blackspots are the Midlands, South Wales and the Greater London area, the authority said. Oil pollution can attract a maximum fine of £20,000 in magistrates' courts with no limit in crown courts.

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Pine marten nearly extinct in Wales

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

THE pine marten, one of Britain's most elusive mammals, which was reported last year to have vanished from England, is on the brink of extinction in Wales, wildlife scientists said yesterday.

Scotland can still boast a relatively healthy number of the small, nocturnal creatures, which belong to the weasel family, though even north of the border there are not thought to be more than 3,000 of them. A survey of the woodlands of Wales between June and October of last year showed that no viable population of the animals remained in the Principality, although a few individuals may still exist.

The main signs of pine marten presence are their droppings, known as scats, which have a distinctive shape and smell. The survey team found only three fresh scats in widely separate areas and received only two reports of possible (but unconfirmed) sightings of the animals.



The pine marten: its fur was prized by royalty

Paul Bright, a biologist at the University of London, who was involved in the survey, said: "We cannot say that the pine marten is extinct in Wales, but it would be a brave person who suggested that it could survive. Its decline there looks irreversible."

Pine martens were previously thought to be faring rather better in Wales, with its more wooded countryside, than in England. Tony Mitchell-Jones, chief mammal ecologist at English Nature, which advises the Government on wildlife conservation, said: "The situation is clearly a lot worse than we thought."

English Nature and the People's Trust for Endangered Species are funding a £20,000 project to find out why pine martens are increasing in Scotland when they have all but disappeared elsewhere.

Pine martens *(Martes martes)* are close cousins of badgers, otters and polecats. In the Middle Ages they were hunted for their fur which was so highly prized that only royalty was allowed to wear it.

Their preferred habitat is woodland and they spend most of the day in their lairs in hollow trees, rock fissures or disused birds' nests.

Fishermen fear shorter season will sink coracle

BY A STAFF REPORTER

CORACLE netsmen say that their ancient tradition is facing a new threat over plans to shorten their fishing season. The 12 remaining coraclemen on the River Towy in South Wales say the cut could force them off the river for good.

The National Rivers Authority is considering closing the river to coracles during August to preserve salmon stocks — cutting a month from the 5½-month season. The Carmarthen Netsmen Association says the Towy coraclemen took only 28 salmon from the river last August and denied that their fishing endangered stocks.

Mike Elias, secretary of the association, said: "Anglers took 500 salmon from the Towy last September and 22 in October so if the NRA want to be conservation-minded they should start with them."

The dispute comes amid a continuing campaign to have coracle licence fees reduced to save the tradition. Coraclemen catch salmon by stringing a net between two boats to snare the fish as they travel upstream.

More than 200 worked the Towy a century ago but by 1929 the number of licences had dropped to 25. The Towy is one of three rivers in Wales where coracle fishing licences are granted.

Radio 1 falls further beneath waves

BY LIN JENKINS

ANOTHER 190,000 listeners deserted BBC Radio 1 in the final quarter of 1994, signalling a decline of 5.5 million in two years.

The departure of the station's most popular disc jockey, Steve Wright, the 40-year-old breakfast presenter, after 14 years is also expected to have an adverse impact on listener numbers, especially if a rumoured move to the new rival Talk Radio goes ahead.

The fall in the station's audience, from 14.2 million to 11 million in the past year, has been blamed largely on changes introduced by Matthew Bannister, the station controller. In the final quarter of 1992, Radio 1 had an audience of 16.5 million. Sue Farr, head of marketing and publicity at BBC Network Radio, said the downward trend, shown in the figures released yesterday by Radio Joint Audience Research, would be halted "in the next few months".

An advertising campaign is to be launched this week at an estimated cost of £2 million. "Having got the network into shape we feel it is right to communicate to listeners where they can find it and what the programmes are," Ms Farr said.

Overall, BBC Network Radio gained an extra 175,000 listeners, according to the figures, enabling the BBC to hold its share at 48.6 per cent. Between the second and third quarter of last year, its share fell from 54.9 per cent.

Commercial radio attracted an extra 316,000 listeners, taking it to 28 million. BBC Radio 5 Live and Radio 2 both gained listeners. The former, which was revamped as a 24-hour news and sport network last March, made record ratings of 4.7 million. Radio 2 had 480,000 more listeners and is closing the gap with Radio 1. It is just over two million behind with 8.8 million. Radio 3 and Radio 4 audiences stayed steady with 2.5 and 8.4 million respectively. BBC local radio increased from 9.4 to 9.6 million.

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Tenth of Scottish children miss school each day

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

MORE than one in ten of Scotland's schoolchildren are absent from school each day, according to Scottish Office figures released yesterday. In secondary schools authorised absence and unauthorised truancy is running at a combined rate of 12 per cent.

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Scottish Education Minister, said he was very concerned at the figures, published for the first time in Scotland. They indicate that 23 million pupil half-days were lost through absence last year — the equivalent of each secondary pupil being away from school for four weeks of the 38-week school year.

However, the headmaster of Castlebrae High in Niddrie, Edinburgh, listed as having the worst truancy record at 17 per cent, said that inspectors had praised the measures he had taken to combat absenteeism. William Crosbie, whose school has 297 pupils, said: "We were inspected by HM Inspectors at this time last year during the period to which these figures refer. Their report commended our efforts to improve attendance.

"The inspectors had no strategies to offer which were not already being employed within this school. There is wide variation across the country in the way pupils are registered and in what is considered unauthorised absence. To publish material when even the Scottish Office know it is flawed is not helpful."



Lord Douglas-Hamilton: very concerned at figures

Lothian Region, the education authority responsible for Castlebrae, said that high truancy figures could be the result of just a few pupils regularly skipping school rather than mass truancy.

The figures show that in primary schools the total absence rate was 6 per cent, almost all authorised. That is equivalent to each pupil being absent for 23 half-days, although some would be absent for more and others for less.

In secondary schools, absence across the board averaged 12 per cent, in line with schools in England, of which 1 per cent was unauthorised. In the third, fourth and fifth years of secondary schools, truancy was about 2 per cent.

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton said that the authorised absence rate in half the country's secondary schools was above 10 per cent and in some cases over 20 per cent. "The position is much worse when the unauthorised absence rates — real truancy — are added. There are secondary schools where the truancy rate is six or seven times the national average.

"Over 40 secondary schools have unauthorised absence rates of 4 per cent or more. That is four times the national average," he said. Parents were criticised for the amount of time they allowed their children to take off school.

The Scottish Office has launched a £50,000 "truancy file" pack to advise schools, local authorities and school boards on increased monitoring, co-operation with parents, spot checks and working with "at risk" pupils. The pack also suggests that schools offer incentives and enjoyable activities to pupils to combat Friday afternoon absenteeism and it asks shopkeepers to tell schools if youngsters are obviously playing truant.

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Pupils expelled 'to safeguard funding'

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

STATE schools are expelling disruptive pupils — some as young as five — to safeguard their reputation or position in national league tables, according to a report by the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities published yesterday.

The association said that head teachers had reduced their "tolerance threshold" for bad behaviour because competition for pupils and funding was increasingly intense in the new education marketplace. The two-year study said that local authorities were beginning to recognise the social consequences of expelling more pupils.

"Exclusions can represent the last departure point, typically for boys, before they become too entrenched in an alternative culture of crime," the report says. Last week, the Government commissioned an independent study to examine expulsions after statistics from the school inspectorate suggested that more than 8,000 pupils were being expelled each year.

Kath Fry, deputy education chairman of the association and a Labour councillor, said that local authorities were finding it increasingly difficult to integrate children with special educational needs into mainstream schools because of a funding squeeze.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, welcomed an appeal in the report for extra funding but questioned the policy of integration. "If pupils with special needs cannot settle in mainstream schools they can take up a disproportionate amount of the teacher's time and create chaos," he said.



Long Wolf, seen here with his family. His friend Buffalo Bill paid for his headstone at Brompton cemetery

Family seeks new burial ground for Sioux chief who died in London

A SIOUX Indian chief whose remains have lain in a London cemetery for more than a century will be exhumed and returned to his American homeland if his descendants have their way (Alan Hamilton writes).

Long Wolf was one of more than 200 native Americans touring England with Buffalo Bill's celebrated Wild West Show in 1892 when he died aged 59 at the show's winter quarters in London, near Earls Court. His employer and close friend had him buried at Brompton cemetery, and paid for a headstone on which the name is now faded but the carving of a wolf's head is still discernible.

Last November, two of Long Wolf's great-great-granddaughters, Martha and Mary Black Feather, arrived from the tribal homelands of South Dakota on the trail of their ancestor and started the long legal process required for exhumation.



Peter Weyell, cemetery supervisor, at the grave

First they had to contact descendants of Buffalo Bill — real name William F. Cody — as legal owners of the grave for permission to open it, which they willingly gave. Now they are trying to raise £8,000 to pay for the exhumation.

"Long Wolf lies 13 feet down, and goodness knows what we will find at that depth after 103 years," Peter Weyell, the cemetery supervisor, said yesterday. "We will have to move headstones from all around while we dig, otherwise they may collapse." The Black Feather sisters will need an exhumation permit from the Home Office, and permission from the Bishop of London to remove a body from consecrated ground.

Long Wolf, whose real name was Schoonganeta Hoska, is thought to have fought against Custer at Little Big Horn. He died of bronchial pneumonia in the West London Hospital, and shares his grave with Star, daughter of Ghost Dog, a young Indian girl who also died while touring.

Brompton also houses another Indian grave, that of Paul Eagle Star, a circus rider who fell from his horse while the Buffalo Bill show was touring the North of England, had his leg amputated and died of infection.

Suicidal man kills wife in car

A husband and wife were found dead in the back seat of their BMW car on Sunday night. Geoffrey Mace, 56, is believed to have strangled Paula Jane Shires-Mace before running a pipe from the exhaust into the car. The couple, from Huddersfield, are thought to have died 24 hours before they were found by Mrs Shire-Mace's father and his son. Police are not looking for anyone else.

Councillor jailed

Swansea Crown Court jailed Fred Levesley, 62, formerly on Dyfed council, for nine months over false expenses claims. He admitted obtaining property by deception.

Wilson home

Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, 78, the former Prime Minister, returned home ten days after being admitted to St Thomas's Hospital when he fell at his house in Westminster.

Ferry halted

French seamen stopped a British freight ferry from docking at Boulogne because it had a Polish crew. The protesters said the ferry should employ sailors from EU countries.

Award for mall

The Castle Mall shopping centre in Norwich, which has a rooftop garden with access for disabled people, won the Royal Town Planning Institute's silver jubilee cup.

Rabbit respite

Ernest and Frances Haskins, who sued their neighbour over the noise made by her pet rabbits, have dropped the case, which had led to three hearings before York magistrates.

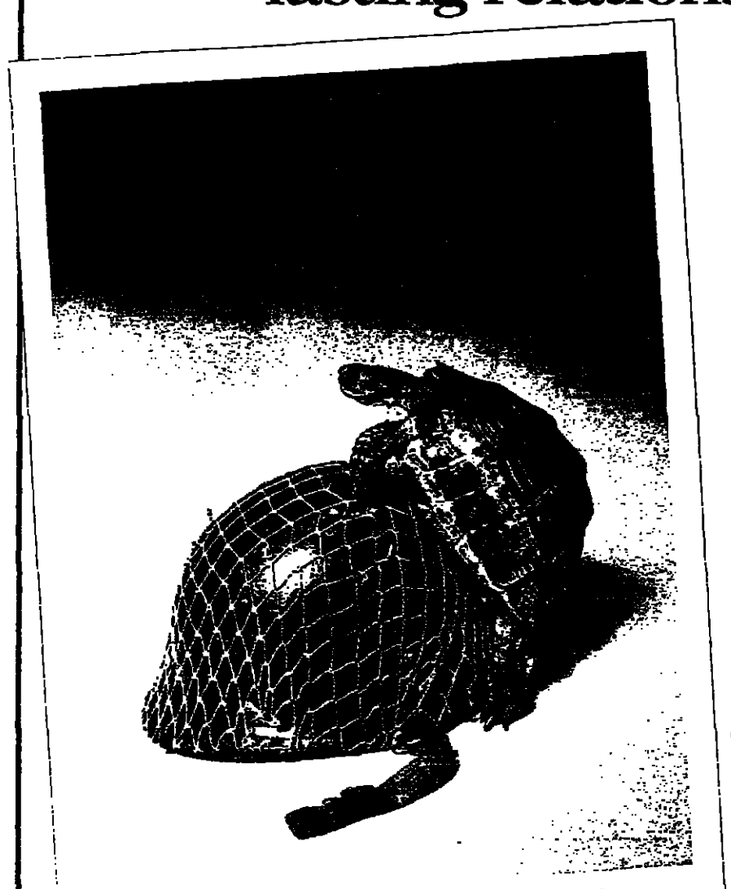
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A Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit owned by the Murrayshall Country House Hotel was destroyed in a fire that gutted the adjacent golf clubhouse at Scone near Perth.

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Tory MP criticises Brooke's praise for IRA apologist

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A TORY MP joined Unionists yesterday in criticising Peter Brooke after he praised Gerry Adams as "a brave man" for helping to bring about the IRA ceasefire.

Mr Brooke, a former Northern Ireland Secretary, said last night that Mr Adams, president of Sinn Fein, had led the IRA across a "Rubicon". He told the BBC1 television programme *Panorama*: "He had a leadership role. He performed it. I think the whole of Ireland and the whole of these islands, and I think arguably the whole of the world, is grateful to him for having done it."

Andrew Hunter, chairman of the Tory Northern Ireland Committee, responded to Mr Brooke's comments by pointing out that Mr Adams had defended "the most hideous crimes imaginable". In a statement entitled "Mr Adams and the IRA: a Different View", Mr Hunter said: "We should not forget that for 25 years Mr Adams has been a leading spokesman of an organisation which has sought to justify murder, violence and destruction ... While welcoming his involvement in the decision to suspend violence the scales remain heavily weighted against him."

Mr Brooke, regarded by nationalists as the most flexible Northern Ireland Secretary, was replaced by Sir Patrick Mayhew in 1992. On last night's programme, he said: "In my view [Gerry Adams] was a brave man — and I hope he will be justified. That step [the ceasefire] was a crucial step ... He led them across that Rubicon."

Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionists, said that Mr Brooke's comments were part of a Government's tactic to prop up Mr Adams. "They are preparing the public mind for when government ministers sit down with the IRA when they haven't met the conditions that were set."

Mr Robinson added that Mr Brooke caused great offence in Northern Ireland in January 1992 when he sang on Irish television hours after eight Protestant workmen had been killed in an IRA bomb attack. "When people were being butchered in Northern Ireland we had a Secretary of State who performed a song-and-dance routine on a chat show. This time he is singing the praises of Gerry Adams."

However, John Taylor, the Ulster Unionist MP for Strangford, struck a more conciliatory note, describing Mr Brooke's comments as premature. "Gerry Adams is ... now going through a period of conversion in the hope of qualifying as a democratic politician. He has reached the stage of political purgatory. A few years ago he was in political hell; we wait to see whether he reaches political heaven."

When asked about Mr Brooke's comments, Mr Adams said that it was the IRA that had been brave. "The credit — if credit is the word — for the IRA cessation must be given to the men and women of the IRA.

"I think it is for the British Government to show bravery and embrace this peace process in a generous and flexible way." He added that the Government's "begrudging" attitude to the peace process was the only threat to its sucess.

He was speaking in West Belfast as he accompanied Bertie Ahern, leader of Fianna Fail, on a tour of nationalist areas of the city. Mr Ahern, who became the first leader of Fianna Fail to visit Belfast City Hall after his meeting with Mr Adams, said he did not believe that the British Government was stalling the peace process.

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SNP denies devolution shift

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

ALEX SALMOND, leader of the Scottish National Party, yesterday denied that he was "going soft" on devolution in an attempt to halt a decline in SNP support and win over Labour voters.

In an apparent policy shift, Mr Salmond is reported to have said that it is valid to negotiate for independence after achieving a majority of Scottish members in a devolved parliament in Edinburgh. He said that the SNP "must not get hung up on the route" to achieving its goal of independence.

Calum Smith, an SNP spokesman, said: "We have always said, and Alex said it again at the weekend, that we are not a pro-devolution party. We support independence in Europe. However, if there were to be a Scottish Assembly established by a future Labour government we would stand for election to it on an independence ticket."

Yesterday George Robertson, the Shadow Scottish Secretary, said: "The Scottish people will see through this strategy of desperation which is based on supporting and then subverting the devolved parliament as a dishonest route to separation."



How impartial outsider could help to restore MPs' public standing

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The political world is in a tizzy. Long-standing assumptions about acceptable behaviour are being challenged, not by a Ross Perot type populist but by an establishment inquiry. After two weeks of public hearings by the Nolan committee, the question is not whether the rules on MPs' outside interests should be tightened, but how. Lord Nolan's comments have caused a flurry of concern among ministers and senior MPs.

Parliament has a case to answer. Its public standing has fallen. The extent of abuse, and the amounts earnt by MPs from consultancies, are unknown. But the rules need to be clarified if Parliament is to regain public confidence. The prior issue, however, is what sort of MPs do we want? The idea of the citizen legislator was always much exaggerated, and is now dead. The balance has shifted towards career politicians because of the increased demands of the Commons and constituency work. Such MPs often have limited non-political experience. So if they want to top up their salaries, it is tempting to take up contacts with lobbyists eager for access to Westminster.

Few would argue that MPs should have no outside interests. That would make Parliament even more unrepresentative. Rather, the Commons should comprise MPs with a wide variety of backgrounds. Tony Benn told the inquiry last Thursday that as a result of outside involvement members often acquired "valuable experience which helps with their parliamentary work", though he stressed the crucial importance of fuller disclosure.

The principles are straightforward. *Erskine May* says: "To guard against indirect influence it [the Commons] has forbidden the acceptance of fees by members for professional services connected with proceedings in Parliament." This was devised in the 19th century to prevent MPs from appearing as counsel before the House on private Bills promoting railways and similar public works. In 1947, the Commons resolved that MPs should not "enter into any contractual agreement with an outside body controlling or limiting the member's complete independence and freedom of action in Parliament; the duty of a member being to his constituents and to the country as a whole, rather than to any particular section thereof". That motion was qualified when the register of members' interests was set up 20 years ago, since its creation in effect legitimised the existence of such commercial interests.

The growth in MPs' lobbying activities is analagous to the advocacy by an MP of an interest for money, as barred by these earlier rulings. An MP should not receive additional payment for undertaking parliamentary duties: asking questions, raising matters in the Commons, booking rooms or arranging meetings with ministers. These activities derive solely from a person's privileged access as an MP. This is comparable to the local government rule barring a councillor from speaking or voting on any matter where he or she has an interest. Such a definition avoids the need to draw up complicated rules which are bound to be flawed. There is no longer a clear line between specialised lobbyists and firms of management consultants, lawyers and accountants which engage in lobbying.

Parliament jealously defends self-regulation. Hence the alarm among MPs when Lord Nolan raised the possibility of introducing an independent element. The current oversight machinery is fallible; rules are changed in response to scandals and then only minimally. Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, chairman of the members' interests committee, has admitted the problems of having to act as detective, judge and jury. In line with the general trend towards impartial external scrutiny, there is a case for outside involvement in inquiries, along the lines of the ethics advisory office suggested by Ann Taylor, Shadow Leader of the Commons. The final decisions would be taken by MPs themselves, as now.

Such an approach, coupled with fuller disclosure, should provide an acceptable basis for defining what MPs are allowed to do. But it would be counter-productive to produce such tight rules that talented people are discouraged from becoming MPs. Barriers to entry need to be lowered, not raised. MPs should be paid more, should be allowed to pursue outside interests, but should not then profit from their position.

PETER RIDDELL

Bottomley attacks Beckett on union link

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY challenged Margaret Beckett yesterday to renounce her trade union sponsorship, launching a pre-emptive strike before today's debate on the health service.

Mrs Beckett, the Shadow Health Secretary, who is sponsored by the transport workers' union, will lead a Labour assault on "dogma-driven" reforms claiming that the shift to "local health businesses" is jeopardising the existence of a countrywide NHS. But yesterday the Health Secretary went on the attack, sending Mrs Beckett a two-page letter accusing her of having no policies on health and emphasising that the Government had cut waiting times for operations and increased rates of immunisation for children.

Pointing out that Mrs Beckett and her frontbench team were all sponsored by trade unions, Mrs Bottomley said that they would lack all credibility unless they severed links that generate funds for their constituency parties. "I believe that it is important that the Labour Party puts itself above any suspicion that its policies are dictated by the trade unions and formulated to meet their interests," Mrs Bottomley wrote. She also challenged Mrs Beckett to say whether she still believed that the health service needed an extra £6 billion a year.

Mrs Bottomley accused Mrs Beckett of planning to break up the NHS by handing it over regional assemblies, with power given to bureaucrats and Labour councillors. She claimed that in the view of a growing number of independent commentators, scrapping the reforms would lead to turmoil within the service.

Mrs Beckett said that Mrs Bottomley's letter was "a propaganda gesture". She added: "It is not meant to be taken seriously and considering the series of disasters last week in the NHS, I am surprised even she wants to go on with her so-called reforms."

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY: In the Commons, questions to National Heritage Ministers, Church Commissioners and the Lord Chancellor's Department were followed by an emergency question to Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, on security in the Channel Tunnel. There was then a debate on the Committee stage of the Finance Bill.

In the Lords, there were debates on the Agricultural Tenancies Bill and on Education Regulations.

TODAY: In the Commons, there will be questions to Trade and Industry Ministers followed by a debate on the Committee of Selection, opened by Tony Newton, Leader of the House. David Curry, Local Government Minister, will introduce the Cleveland (Structural Change) Order, which will initiate the break-up of the county. This will be followed by the VAT (Buildings and Land) Order and VAT (Transport) Order.

The Lords will debate the Government's forestry review, parking in London, and the Central European Time Bill.

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£10,000+	5.52	5.60	4.14	4.18	4.94	5.00	5.52	5.60	4.14	4.18
£5,000+	4.79	4.85	3.59	3.62	4.60	4.65	4.71	4.76	3.53	3.56
£500+	4.55	4.60	3.41	3.44	4.45	4.50	4.40	4.45	3.30	3.33
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£25,000+	5.94	6.10	4.46	4.55	5.18	5.30	5.75	5.90	4.31	4.40
£10,000+	5.46	5.60	4.10	4.18	4.89	5.00	5.46	5.60	4.10	4.18
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£2,000+	3.15	–	2.36	–	3.15	–	–	–	–	–
£500+	2.65	–	1.99	–	2.65	–	–	–	–	–
Monthly Savings	1.65	1.66	1.24	1.24	1.65	1.66	–	–	–	–
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Rail sale 'may lead to service increase'

BY NICHOLAS WOOD

THE prospect of rail privatisation leading to an increase in trains will be held out by the Transport Secretary today when minimum service standards are unveiled for the first four routes to be sold off.

Labour is planning to attack the announcement from Roger Salmon, the Franchise Director, as heralding big cuts in services. But Brian Mawhinney hopes to spike Opposition guns by pointing to indications from train operators that they will maintain the current service and run extra trains.

Train-operating companies will be under a contractual responsibility to run a specified number of trains. But Dr Mawhinney hopes to win popular support for the rail sell-off by highlighting the readiness of the companies to improve levels of service. The new passenger service requirements (PSRs) will apply to Gatwick Express, Great Western, South West and London, Tilbury and Southend.

Where routes require subsidy, as on rural and commuter lines, companies will be required to maintain the existing service. But where they are potentially profit-making, as on the InterCity routes, the PSR will be set at a lower level than the existing timetable to encourage operators to expand services so as to appeal to passengers. In the four cases to be announced today, the Transport Secretary believes he has sufficient signs from the operators to refute claims that the arrangements are a smokescreen for cuts.

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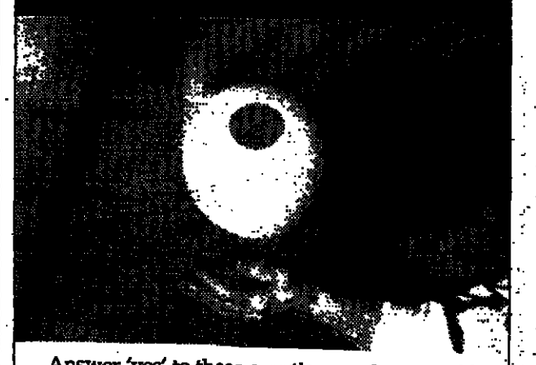
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Hopes of party unity on Europe suffered severe blow in a crucial Cabinet meeting

Major's change to the sceptic cause opens new wounds

Martin Ivens and Nicholas Wood, Chief Political Correspondent, look at how the Cabinet came to embrace Euro-scepticism

FOR the first time in many months, events were going John Major's way. After a grim year for his premiership and poll ratings of under 20 per cent, Labour's overwhelming lead was at last being dented as splits in its leadership mounted.

The new-found Tory unity no longer seemed a will o' the wisp . . . until last Thursday's Cabinet meeting.

Mr Major had not been idle over new year at Chequers. As he reflected on the state of his party over Europe, he concluded that the new year must mark a new beginning.

In late November, he had allowed himself to be guided by Kenneth Clarke over the Bill increasing Britain's contribution to the EU budget. The Chancellor, and the so-called "inner Cabinet" dominated by pro-European heavyweights such as Douglas Hurd and Michael Heseltine, backed him and pushed for the expulsion of the rebels.

The unintended consequence by Christmas was a Government reeling from defeat after defeat at the mercy of nine whipless rebels who were prepared to ambush ministers at every turn. In his heart of hearts, Mr Major knew that true blue Conservatives such as Nicholas Budgen should never have been expelled from the fold.

The Prime Minister's response was not long in coming. He had already put down a Euro-sceptic marker in his speech in Leiden in September. He rejected the idea of an exclusive inner core of countries forging towards full integration, leaving others as backmarkers; opposed further powers for the European Parliament; backed co-operation rather than majority voting in foreign and defence policy; and poured cold water on the notion of a swift move towards a single currency.

But it was Mr Major's interview with Sir David Frost on January 8 that marked his decisive move towards the sceptic camp. "I will not accept constitutional change that impacts upon the British Parliament," he said, citing the ending of the British veto, an extension of qualified majority voting, big new powers for the European Parliament and a "firm commitment" to a single currency as items he would veto.

He went even further on the monetary front, saying that there was "no question of a single currency by 1996 to 1997". Mr Clarke, whose support for European currency union is enthusiastic *in camera*, was for once in no position to put up a fight. Mr Heseltine was torn between his old friends among the Euro-enthusiasts and his new friends on the Tory right. The sceptics in Cabinet, the so-called "bastards", were tired of being considered extremists, were not prepared to resign or treat openly with the rebels, and instead wanted to help the Prime Minister to bring them back in.

> "In his heart of hearts, Mr Major knew that the true blue Conservatives should never have been expelled"

Meanwhile, in King Charles Street, Douglas Hurd and his officials were working on a position paper to be put to the Cabinet later that month. As it turned out, they were to pay too little attention to the shift in mood signalled by the Prime Minister on Sir David's comfy sofa.

Accounts vary about what happened in the two-hour discussion at last Thursday's Cabinet meeting. But as *The Times* reported on Friday morning, Euro-sceptics were jubilant about the outcome and adamant that Mr Hurd's paper had been given a severe mauling. Before the meeting their hopes had been tempered by fears that Mr Major's conversion might not prove genuine and would turn out to be another of his tactical feints in the pursuit of party unity.

The paper sketched out three possible approaches to the intergovernmental conference next year that will chart the next stage in the European venture. One was a minimalist position in which Britain would play a straight bat and hope to pad away its partners' more ambitious demands. The second was maximalist, in which the Government would go in guns blazing, making a string of demands intended to reverse the federalist tide. The third, favoured by the Foreign Secretary, was a middle way. The Cabinet, reflecting the Prime Minister's tough new line, veered towards the maximalist position, commissioning new strategies for recouping power from Brussels.

Criticism of Mr Hurd's paper had been led by the five sceptics in the Cabinet: Michael Portillo, Peter Lilley, John Redwood, Jonathan Aitken and Michael Howard. But others followed. David Hunt and Gillian Shephard were among those to press for a tougher approach to the intergovernmental conference.

Douglas Hurd maintains that his paper was well received and is confident from his reading of Cabinet minutes that no "rebuff" was delivered. Others say that it was the language, not the substance of the paper, which seemed objectionable and dated.

The Tory right made wild boasts along the lines of "we are all bastards now" and claimed that the Cabinet had undergone a Damascene conversion to the sceptic cause. The truth is murkier. Political calculations about the mood of the Tory backbenchers and popular opinion all played a part. Many Tory MPs believed that Cabinet moderates such as Malcolm Rifkind began to modify their rhetoric about Europe as Mr Hurd's future became less certain after reports of his impending retirement.

The disclosures by *The Times* prompted a swift chain reaction in which a furious Foreign Secretary demanded an immediate and categoric denial of the story. While he was prepared to accede in the transition to a more sceptical stance, he was damned if he was to be publicly humiliated into the bargain. Downing Street's embarrassment was compounded by the fact that at the crucial Cabinet meeting Mr Major had insisted on a confidentiality pact about their proceedings. The Prime Minister called the *The Times*'s report "a travesty".

> "The Foreign Secretary was damned if he was going to be publicly humiliated"

Meanwhile, the Foreign Secretary's friends swiftly identified a "dirty tricks" operation by the right to discredit the Mr Hurd and replace him with a more anti-European figure.

By last weekend, the pro-Europeans were on the warpath. Ted Heath, seeing his former aide "traduced" in the press, came roaring in. Peter Hordern, Tim Renton and others joined the fray. Lord Howe, however, has told friends that his speech on Europe was not part of a plot: it had been planned for some time in advance and his article in the *Financial Times* was commissioned last Wednesday, prior to the Cabinet's meeting. Jacques Santer, the EC President, made some anodyne comments about Europe in Davos, but such was the media frenzy by then that his words were misconstrued as being a challenge to Mr Major and Britain.

The question worrying Mr Major now is whether the likes of Ted Heath, Tim Renton and Sir Peter Hordern and their Cabinet allies can make as much trouble for him as the "bastards". He may conclude that most of the intake to the Commons from 1979 is mildly Euro-sceptical in belief and that the most eloquent and influential Euro-enthusiasts are on the point of retirement. Others believe that only a restatement by the Prime Minister of the line he indicated in his *Economist* article and in Leiden can preserve Tory unity.



Mr Major makes a point to Sir David Frost in the television interview that was seen as marking his decisive move towards the sceptic camp

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Man in the News

Wolf in sheep's clothing strikes again

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

DENIS HEALEY got it wrong when he called Geoffrey Howe a dead sheep; Lord Howe is a live and subtle wolf, who having savaged Margaret Thatcher in his resignation speech in just 17 minutes, yesterday attacked another Prime Minister.

Claiming that John Major was putting "party unity at any price" before national interests, Lord Howe raised his standard as the leader of the reticent Euro-enthusiasts in the Tory party.

Lady Thatcher's former Foreign Secretary said British foreign policy was being "dragged into a ghetto of sentimentality and self-delusion" and claimed Mr Major had become a hostage to the Euro-sceptics, taking a tougher stance on closer ties with Europe purely to entice the nine rebel MPs back into the parliamentary party.

Yesterday the new pro-European leader managed to get on more programmes than his Euro-sceptic enemies and self-publicist supremos MPs Bill Cash and Theresa Gorman. At 7.00am he was telling BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme: "If we depart from the commonsense of the middle ground, we risk not only losing our place in Europe but we risk losing our position in the minds of the British people."

By lunchtime, Lord Howe whose new coat of arms includes a wolf in sheep's clothing, was taking his pro-Europe message to middle England and a London Rotary Club lunch at the Marriott Hotel in an attempt to woo them. At first the Rotary club



Howe: convincing and emotive speech

was not at all sure that a multi-speed Europe, with Britain excluded from the heart of the decision-making process, would be a "national tragedy of huge proportions". Per-Olor Emanuelson, an interior designer from London, remained unconvinced: "Geoffrey Howe was the man who bought in the limp, maroon European-style passport. I am not a natural European and I certainly don't want a single European currency."

However, by the time Lord Howe had finished many had been persuaded. In a speech as emotive as any Euro-sceptic's, Lord Howe concluded: "It is the Treaty of Rome that has enabled us to contain nationalism and retain patriotism. Without participation in Europe we will face the risk of conflict and the risk of having no influence.

"I would far rather we were in there negotiating over foreign and defence policy then having it designed for us by the French and Germans," he said.

Cook dismisses talk of superstate and move to a single currency

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ROBIN COOK yesterday rejected moves to a European federal superstate and dismissed calls by the French and Germans to bring in a single currency by 1997 as "totally irresponsible".

Adopting a distinctly sceptical tone, the Shadow Foreign Secretary said that there was little prospect of European monetary union before the turn of the century.

In his first major speech on Europe since he took the foreign affairs portfolio, Mr Cook insisted that a Labour government would only adopt a single currency if the economic conditions were right.

Speaking at a seminar in London he argued that the advantages would only be turned into real benefits if British industry was able to compete within a single currency without resorting to occasional devaluation.

Labour would judge whether Britain should be part of any future single currency on economic conditions relating to productivity, growth and jobs and not on the present criteria of financial targets.

He rejected the call by Jacques Santer, the new European Commission President, to speed progress towards a single currency by 1997. "A single currency is not going to happen this year or next year and frankly I would be surprised if it happens in 1997," he said.

Later he added: "It would be totally irresponsible for anybody to set a specific timetable on it now." Mr Cook stuck to Labour policy but took a more sceptical line than Jack Cunningham, his predecessor.

With both parties now vying for a more Eurosceptic electorate Mr Cook's speech reflects Tony Blair's concern that Labour needs to shed its caricature as the "poodle" of Brussels. While Mr Cook argues that he is a "realist" rather than a "sceptic", he is determined to shake off Labour's federalist image.

Labour would sign up to the Social Chapter on workers' rights and put unemployment at the top of its priorities, he said. But Mr Cook insisted that politicians should listen to growing fears about the power of Brussels across the Continent. "Europe must be a community of free member states. Labour rejects the concept of a European superstate," he said. "The European Union must be based on a sharing of national interests."

Labour would judge each proposal for the inter-governmental conference in 1996 by the test of whether it would advance the interests of the people of Britain. He said that Labour was determined that decision-making in Europe should be more open and more democratic. "As a working principle, national parliaments should have increased influence over the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament should have wider scrutiny of the Commission."

Mr Cook argued that Labour was committed to retaining the veto over matters of vital national interest, such as decisions over the budget or revisions to the Treaty. "But the veto is not some kind of trump card that can be played repeatedly to take every trick. To get agreement on the reforms Europe needs we must mobilise a majority for a decision."

Mr Cook accused the Cabinet of failing to put forward a single positive proposal. In contrast Labour would ensure that Britain took the lead in Europe by setting a positive agenda for reform, he said.





Robin Cook, who rejected the call by Jacques Santer, the new EC President, for a single currency by 1997

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Grozny team condemns rights abuses

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

A TEAM of European inspectors yesterday called on Russia to halt its savage assault on Chechenia after visiting Grozny and warning that tens of thousands of civilians were at risk.

Speaking in Moscow, Istvan Gyarmati, who led a five-man team from the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), said that both sides violated human rights during the fighting.

"The use of the (Russian) armed forces on such a scale and the methods they used goes beyond our principles," said the Hungarian diplomat, who will report back to the 53-nation group. "We have received reports about human rights violations on both sides before and during the visit". The group said that during its three-day tour of the northern Caucasus that it became clear that far more people have been killed and injured in the conflict than the few hundred admitted to by the Russians.

The team will reveal conditions at a notorious Russian detention centre at the military headquarters in Mozdok, where Russian human rights activists claim that Chechen prisoners are tortured.

The most pressing concern, however, is the fate of about 150,000 civilians still estimated to be living in Grozny despite the almost continuous bombardment by Russian artillery and aircraft. Russia should enforce a ceasefire to enable aid to reach the civilians and halt the "humanitarian catastrophe", the delegation said.

"Most of the refugees (in Grozny) are aged, sick, women and children," said Rene Nyberg, a Finnish representative on the delegation. "They have no water or insulin. The need for humanitarian aid is extremely serious. During our three-day inspection trip it was only when we met General Babichev that we heard what kind of situation really prevails in Grozny."

General Babichev was in the news in December when he said he would not fire on civilians in the Russian drive to curb Chechenia. He had told the delegation the refugee problem had been left to the army, which does not have the resources to deal with it. The general told the delegation the Chechens had no intention of surrendering and that the war was by no means over. He said the Russians were facing a well-trained and well-equipped army.

In spite of the OSCE's publicly-stated concern, Russian forces showed little inclination to stop their eight-week offensive and instead predicted that a final assault for the capture of Grozny was imminent. It seemed clear that despite hopes last year that the organisation might emerge as the main forum for resolving conflicts across Europe, there was little inclination in Moscow to pay more than lip service to its recommendations over Chechenia. Reports from the devastated regional capital said that Russian gunners directed their barrage at the southern suburbs of the city yesterday, the main supply route used by Chechen defenders, and that the village of Novy Aldy was hit in the crossfire.

Witnesses said that a Russian armoured column of 22 vehicles, including deadly multiple-rocket launchers, was seen bringing in reinforcements for the expected offensive.

The continued fighting in Chechenia has raised concern that other independence-minded republics and regions across the Russian Federation may also seek to sever their ties with Moscow. Yesterday Leonid Smirnyagin, an aide to President Yeltsin, issued a warning: "While Russian troops are fighting for Russia's integrity in Chechenia, relations between the centre and Russia's component states are sliding towards chaos behind their backs."

In particular he cited the example of a decision by the autonomous republic of Chuvashia which recently banned its conscripts from serving in Chechenia. Tatarstan, a mainly Muslim region on the Volga, has also been steadily eroding Moscow's control over its affairs.

Ivan Rybkin, the Speaker of the Duma, the lower house of parliament, said that the only way to prevent the federation from breaking up was to beef up the role of the "special services", the former KGB secret police.

"A villain with a criminal mind could surface in any member of the Russian Federation who would want to spoil people's lives," he said. "The federal authorities should enjoy respect."



Two Chechen women huddle under a blanket on the back of a lorry yesterday as they join thousands fleeing Grozny into the countryside

Eurofighter delayed as Germany freezes funds

BY ROGER BOYES IN BONN AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE four-nation, £34-billion Eurofighter combat aircraft programme is suffering yet another "crisis", with the next flight trial facing delays as rows develop over funding.

A key German parliamentary committee is refusing to release more money for developing the aircraft, being built by Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain, and work is threatening to grind to a halt.

The Bundestag finance committee's refusal to approve the release of more money has produced violent arguments with the German arms manufacturer Dasa, part of Daimler-Benz, one of the industrial partners involved in building Eurofighter.

The next flight of the combat aircraft is due to take place in March or April, and there are plans for it to take part in the Paris air show in June. Now RAF chiefs are concerned that the prestige demonstration of an aircraft that is supposed to replace the Jaguar and Tornado, will have to be cancelled unless the funding row is resolved.

The latest delay in the already controversial programme is intensely embarrassing because the four governments have to decide later this year whether to move from the development phase of the aircraft to full production. The RAF is due to order between 250 and 300 Eurofighters.

Roger Freeman, the Defence Procurement Minister, is flying to Germany this weekend to meet the national armaments directors of the four partner nations to try to resolve the dispute.

Germany will come under intense pressure to ensure that the Bundestag finance committee releases sufficient funds to meet its share of development costs.

One senior defence source commented: "The minister intends to bang some heads together because this is the most crucial year for the entire project."

Volker Rühe, the German Defence Minister, who in the past has been critical of the Eurofighter project, is now faced with having to appeal to his parliamentary colleagues to release the next batch of money for the development programme.

The four nations agreed in 1992 to delay the programme and cut costs after Germany threatened to withdraw. Herr Rühe said the Eurofighter was no longer relevant for the post-Cold War era.

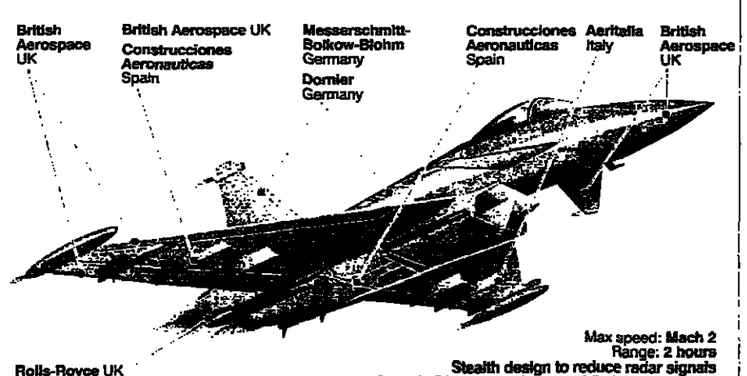
He seems to have accepted, however, that there is no alternative, after discarding the idea of buying Russian MiG29s, as proposed by the government audit office, partly because of spare parts difficulties.

Herr Rühe has been negotiating with executives from Dasa about how to finance the project, given the development delays and cost overruns. "Am I the only person left who wants this aircraft?" the minister is said to have told Dasa's chief executive.

The minister has promised to bring the individual cost of each Eurofighter down to DM90 million (£37 million). Bonn government auditors claim that the final cost, however, could be as much as DM150 million per aircraft.

Political pressure is being put on the aerospace industry to cut costs quickly before the decision is taken on how many of the fighters to produce. German planners have already scaled down their original projection from 250 to 140 aircraft.

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Tudjman: he wants to evict UN peacekeepers

Diplomats try to avert Croat war

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

SCRAMBLING to head off what United Nations officials say is a looming war in Croatia, international diplomats unveiled a new peace plan for the former Yugoslav republic yesterday.

Last week the Croatian parliament ratified a decision by President Tudjman to evict the 12,000 UN peacekeepers by June 30, three months after their mandate expires. Diplomats, UN officials and Serb politicians say that the force's departure is likely to ignite hostilities that have been held in check by the three-year ceasefire, which has been policed by the peacekeepers.

"We have presented the proposal to Croatia and will be proceeding to Knin today," Peter Galbraith, the American Ambassador, said after presenting the proposal to Mr Tudjman. Knin is the capital of the so-called "Republic of Serbian Krajina" that the Belgrade-backed Croatian Serbs declared after their war with Croatia in 1991. The rebels and the Yugoslav army seized about 27 per cent of the country in the fighting.

Since Croatia has had three years to buy and make arms and to train its army, any renewed fighting is expected to be far more violent than the war in 1991.

Polls show 'lazy' Balladur coasting home to Elysée

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THREE months before France starts choosing a president, Edouard Balladur, the Gaullist Prime Minister, is cruising so far ahead in the polls that the race seems to have fizzled into a contest for runner-up.

Opinion polls show him winning the presidency by 60 per cent to 40 per cent against any rival in the second-round vote on May 7. "You can have too much of a good thing," one aide said after the latest rush by conservatives to climb on the Balladur bandwagon.

M Balladur received a 93 per cent vote at the weekend from the centre-right Republican Party, his partner in the governing coalition, and he was endorsed by a hefty minority of Gaullist officials against Jacques Chirac, their party leader. All but five members of the Cabinet have backed the man whom M Chirac designated as a caretaker Prime Minister in 1993. With the presidency all but sewn up, attention has shifted to the Prime Minister's job. Charles Pasqua, the Gaullist Interior Minister, and François Léotard, the Defence Minister and Republican Party figurehead, see themselves as the main contenders.

The Balladur team is aware that the presidency is theirs to lose. Their concern was justified by a survey by the *Info-Matin* newspaper yesterday which showed that despite M Balladur's record ascendancy in the polls, 61 per cent of the voters say they have not yet made up their minds.

The finding reflects the lack of enthusiasm for a colourless and distant figure who, since the withdrawal of Jacques Delors, the Socialist nominee, is deemed to have no plausible rival as potential head of state. "Balladur's secret dream is perhaps to be elected President without the French noticing anything," *Libération* remarked yesterday after the Prime Minister promised to lead through consensus while avoiding "ruptures".

The Prime Minister's failure to strike sparks is cold comfort to the Socialists who face the dismal task of choosing between contenders who are among the least admired in their stable. In the absence of M Delors and after the withdrawal of the popular Jack Lang, the feud-wracked party will decide between Henri Emmanuelli, 50, its leader and a blunt champion of the traditional Left, and Lionel Jospin, 57. M Emmanuelli is expected to win.

In the meantime, M Chirac, who has already run for the presidency twice, is fighting on. He has lacerated M Balladur *in a new book*, written by a sympathetic journalist. To the hilarity of the pundit classes, M Chirac dispatches the Prime Minister thus: "Edouard's great strength is the genius of laziness . . . He gets up calmly, has a quick look at the papers, never does his homework, eats a filet of sole with a glass of Evian, gossips with two or three advisers and at eight on the dot goes home for dinner with his wife and then to bed to read *Knowledge of the Arts* magazine."

Italian sport halted after football fan dies

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

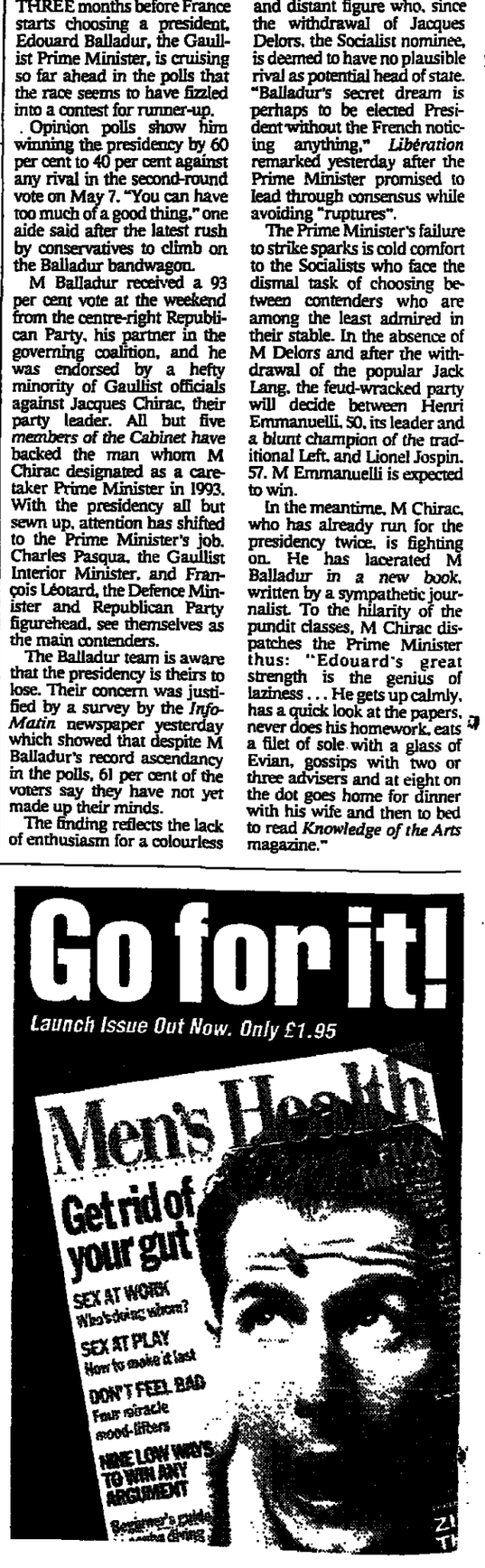
ITALIAN sports officials last night cancelled all sporting events on Sunday to protest against the murder of a football fan and riots at a match in Genoa last weekend.

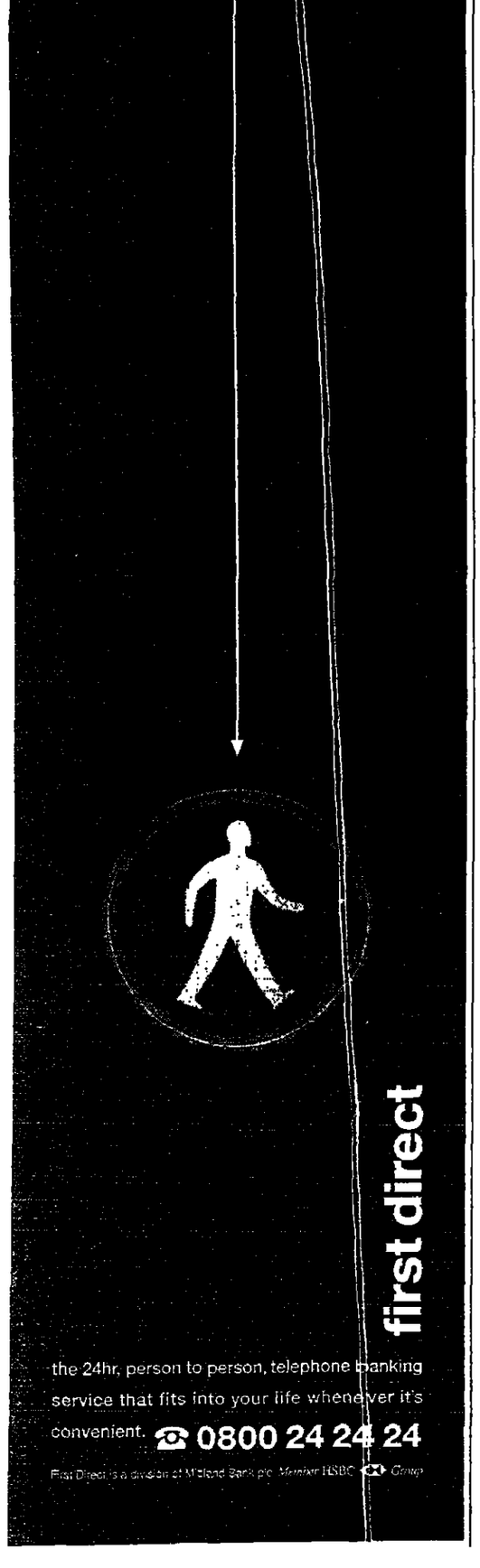
The decision was announced by Mario Pescante, the head of the Italian National Olympic Committee, and Antonio Matarresse, the president of the Italian Football Federation. The officials ignored a government call for the football programme to continue, fearing any ban would provoke more violence. After a Cabinet meeting, Antonio Brancaccio, the Interior Minister, said: "The Cabinet is opposed to general measures such as the suspension of matches."

The decision followed the death of a 24-year-old supporter of first division Genoa before a match against A.C. Milan last Sunday. Simone Barbaglia, 19, an apprentice gardener who lives on the outskirts of Milan and is a supporter of A.C. Milan, was charged with stabbing in the heart Vincenzo Spagnolo, an unemployed man who had recently finished his military service. A gang of Milanese supporters had surrounded him outside the Marassi stadium in Genoa just before the game started.

Millions watched live television film of Signor Spagnolo's body being taken into hospital. "One cannot die for a football match at 24 years old," his father, Cosimo, said. Six people were injured in the incident, which sparked off street fighting that lasted into the early hours of yesterday. Petrol bombs were thrown at the police during the disorder. The game had been suspended at the start of the second half and the Genoa fans were told to leave the stadium. Milan supporters in the crowd of 35,000 were kept at the stadium by the police until dark to prevent further violence. They were taken to Milan police headquarters for identification.

The police said that Signor Barbaglia admitted that he had carried out the stabbing. He was picked out from photographs taken before the game. After the knifing, Signor Barbaglia is said to have joined his friends in the stadium and to have watched the match.





War intensifies as Peru and Ecuador launch air raids

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN LIMA

FIGHTING between Peruvian and Ecuadorean troops intensified yesterday as both sides launched air and mortar attacks on each other's border posts in a mountainous region of the Amazon rain forest.

Ministry officials from both sides said that at least 60 soldiers had been killed in four days of fighting triggered by a longstanding border dispute. The latest reports say hand-to-hand fighting, backed by helicopter raids, had broken out yesterday along the shores of the River Cenepa, which flows along the Cordillera del Condor mountain range which is at the centre of the hostilities.

As fighting intensified, the Ecuadorean Government announced a new 10 per cent tax on fuel and luxury goods to fund the war.

"These are urgent and necessary measures we are taking to defend our rights," said Enrique Proano, Ecuador's government spokesman. Despite efforts from leaders of neighbouring Bolivia, Colombia, and Brazil calling for an end to the conflict, there is as yet no end to the fighting in sight.

The armed conflict broke out on Thursday just before the anniversary on January 29 of the signing of a 1942 Rio de Janeiro protocol treaty which defines the border limits between the two Andean countries, and gave half of Ecuador to Peru.

The treaty was signed after a 1940-41 border war but successive Ecuadorean Governments have rejected a clause in the treaty which leaves the possession of a 50-mile stretch of jungle ambiguous. In 1981, there were bloody clashes along the border over the dispute, but the conflict has never reached these heights before.

President Durán Ballen of Ecuador and President Fujimori of Peru are accusing each other of starting this latest round of hostilities. President Durán accuses President Fujimori of fuelling the armed conflict to heighten his popularity in Peru just before



Fujimori: accused of pre-election populism

general elections in April. Military reports from Lima and Quito have also been contradictory. The Peruvian armed forces claim that an Ecuadorean helicopter invaded their territory on Thursday, launching bomb attacks on border camps. The Ecuadorean side yesterday accused Peru of launching a "massive offensive" against the Macas region of Ecuador.

"There were gunfire and mortar exchanges with some of our camps, which were destroyed," said General José Grijalba of Ecuador. He also said that Ecuadorean troops had bombed a Peruvian army base on the opposite side of the border and shot down two helicopters on Sunday afternoon.

President Fujimori has mobilised more than 100,000 soldiers to the conflict area and has ordered the evacuation of civilians from the small northern border towns of Aguas Verdes and Zarumilla.

Ecuadorean defence ministry officials also said they have evacuated most of the civilian population in their southern province of El Oro, an oil-rich area along the Amazon. Both countries have closed their borders and prohibited trade with the other side.

Efforts by the Organisation of American States (OAS) and the United Nations to mediate have so far been rejected. President Fujimori insists that he will only accept the involvement of the four guarantors of the Rio de Janeiro protocol treaty, and said: "Peru will defend it's sovereignty rights until the end."

He demanded that the guarantors — the United States, Argentina, Brazil, and Chile — put a definition on the border limits which still remain undecided.



Peruvian soldiers move a cannon as fighting between infantry and helicopter gunships intensified on the disputed border with Ecuador

UN makes guarantors responsible for Peru deal

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

ECUADOR and Peru traded charges at the United Nations yesterday over their clashes along their disputed border, but the Security Council decided not to get involved.

Instead, the four guarantors of the 1942 border agreement between Ecuador and Peru — Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the United States — will bear primary responsibility for finding a settlement. "Those four countries have been continuously in contact with both countries, and both countries have expressed their consensus to the effect that that mechanism be used," said Ernesto Cardenas, Argentina's UN Ambassador and this month's President of the Security Council. In rival letters to the council, Ecuador and Peru each accused the other of crossing into its territory along the Cenepa river in the disputed area. "My country has been the victim of armed aggression by Ecuador, whose troops committed an incursion into Peruvian territory in violation of the border definitively established by the Rio de Janeiro Protocol of 1942 and the Arbitral Award of Braz Diaz de Aguiar," wrote Eduardo Ponce, Peru's Foreign Minister. Galo Leoro, the Foreign Minister of Ecuador, said the first clash had occurred on January 9 when a four-man Peruvian army patrol was captured north of Cueva de los Tayos on the upper Cenepa river — "an area which has traditionally been in the possession of Ecuador."

He said that Ecuador had been compelled to respond to when Peru "launched military operations".

Cross-party condemnation for Clinton's Mexican rescue plan

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

CONGRESSMEN from both parties have attacked President Clinton's rescue package for Mexico.

Despite two weeks of intense debate, in which Mr Clinton has argued that his $40 billion (£26 billion) in loan guarantees to help Mexico out of its financial crisis is primarily aimed at saving jobs and preventing large-scale immigration to the United States, Democratic and Republican congressional leaders alike have said the proposal may not even come to the vote.

"We're seeing a real failure of presidential leadership and I think a lot of Americans are going to lose their jobs as a result," Senator Phil Gramm, the Texas Republican, said. "Where the President has utterly failed is convincing anybody that we have a coherent programme."

The senior Democratic senator, Sam Nunn, said the Administration had failed to communicate what would happen if Mexico was not baled out. "Anyone voting for it is going to have to hold their nose because this is not what the public wants, but neither does the public want thousands of immigrants coming across the borders."

Neither side doubts the effect that inaction would have



Gram: Americans will forfeit their jobs

on the American economy or that failure to intervene in the financial markets could result in what the White House has described as an imminent national security threat. It is the first time since the Cold War that both parties have failed to support the President over a financial intervention in such circumstances. Republicans and Democrats are not convinced that the package would save many permanent jobs.

Mr Clinton, who was working the telephones over the weekend in an effort to win agreement, yesterday urged state governors to endorse his strategy. "I realise that it's not politically popular back home. It's rather a complex issue. But it is clearly in the interests of American workers, American businesses and the United States as a whole," he said. "I want to emphasise that the stabilisation initiative is not a gift, not a loan, not a bail-out. It is a loan guarantee." The President has much persuading still to do. Both Newt Gingrich, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Bob Dole, the Senate majority leader, have pulled back from their earlier promises to support Mr Clinton in pushing the package through.

By issuing loan guarantees, the Clinton Administration hopes to prevent any further run on the peso by assuring the international community that the Mexican currency has the full backing of the United States. At the same time, officials say that American taxpayers could profit because Mexico would be forced to pay large fees for the loan guarantees. The scepticism being voiced by so many in Congress, however, makes it almost inevitable that the White House will rethink the package this week and produce a scheme more palatable to Capitol Hill.



Kemp: "will not seek party nomination"

Kemp 'out of White House race'

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN WASHINGTON

JACK KEMP, who was President Bush's Housing Secretary, has decided not to seek the 1996 Republican presidential nomination, party sources said yesterday.

As he deliberated in recent weeks Mr Kemp, 59, told associates he was not sure his message would fit with the aggressive stance of Republicans in the House of Representatives. He has said that tax cuts to stimulate the economy should take precedence over balancing the budget. He has also been concerned that the campaign requirements of fundraising and travelling would mean spending at least a year away from his family.

The 1996 election jockeying is off to an early start. The most active Republican prospects have been the Texas Senator, Phil Gramm; the former Tennessee governor, Lamar Alexander; and the Senate majority leader, Bob Dole. Former Vice President Dan Quayle is also preparing to run. The Pennsylvania senator, Arlen Specter, is also considering a candidacy, as is the conservative commentator Patrick Buchanan.

O.J. Simpson defence claims police planted blood sample

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

DEFENCE lawyers for O.J. Simpson will suggest that the former American football star was framed by Los Angeles police who took a sample of blood to his home instead of the forensic laboratory, it was reported yesterday.

While they were at the Simpson compound the police were said to have been able to create the "trail of blood" that prosecutors in the trial have claimed provides indisputable evidence that the athlete killed his former wife, Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman.

The revelations came as Judge Lance Ito denied a request from the prosecution for a 30-day delay in proceedings to allow the prosecution time to investigate new witnesses introduced by the defence at the last minute.

Judge Ito said, however, that the so-called "dream team" of defence lawyers had disregarded the law intentionally in its late disclosure of witnesses to "gain an unfair tactical advantage". Members of the jury would be instructed to discount any mention of the 14 new witnesses, said the judge who, in a five-page ruling, declared that none of them could be called until the end of the defence's case.

The jury were to be told to disregard some of the most important witnesses, including Mary Anne Gerchas, a woman who claimed to have seen four men speeding away from the scene, a former maid allegedly struck by Nicole Brown Simpson and a passenger on the Mr Simpson's return flight from Chicago.

His ruling spurred immediate demands from the prosecution for a return to its opening statements to address the issues revealed by the defence.

This would further delay the opening speech by Johnnie Cochran, the lead attorney for Mr Simpson, who was reported by *New York Newsday* yesterday to be about to launch an attack on the handling of evidence during the investigation.

Instead of taking a sample of Mr Simpson's blood — drawn the day after the murders — to the laboratory down the road, policemen had driven the test tube halfway across Los Angeles to his mansion in Brentwood.

The police claim the two officers concerned were keen to hand the specimen to the technician in charge of the case, and indeed the amount taken was a fraction of an ounce and therefore not enough to create any damaging evidence.

All experts agree that this single fact has given the defence team an unexpected opening which will allow Mr Cochran to attack the DNA evidence as unreliable. A teaspoon of blood that his client voluntarily gave to police was not taken down the road but was instead driven 20 miles to the scene of a double murder.

Rights group faces chorus of criticism

FROM SHARMILA DEVI IN GENEVA

MORE than 2,000 diplomats and activists are gathering at the 51st Human Rights Commission which officially started here yesterday amid a chorus of criticism that the body is ineffective.

The commission, which has met annually since 1946, hears testimony on grave violations of human rights, but the main difficulty is that its 53 members, consisting mainly of developing countries, have to reach concensus before an issue can even reach the agenda.

"Real issues get lost in negotiated bribery," said one UN diplomat. "One country will say to another, 'I won't bring up your human rights difficulties if you won't mention ours' and any constructive dialogue gets lost'." The six-week event is an administrative nightmare, with documentation alone costing $10 million (£6.5 million).

Between 4,000 and 5,000 pages of reports have to be translated into six languages and reproduced for the 2,000 delegates.

China is the main worry facing the commission this year, and moves to censure Peking for human rights violations are being led by the US. Previous efforts to table resolutions against the Asian giant have stalled and many expect failure again this year.

The human rights group Amnesty International yesterday attacked the UN body, and said: "Time and again members of the commission put their own perceived economic and strategic interests first and accept without question the excuses of government with abysmal human rights records."

However, one Western diplomat in Geneva defended the annual event: "It's very easy to be cynical but it is a form of pressure as countries don't like being pilloried and singled out."

The Chechenia conflict will feature on this year's agenda. Other issues facing the commission include genocide in Rwanda, reports of ethnic cleansing in the former Yugoslavia and human rights abuses in Iran, Iraq, Algeria, Kashmir and Burma.

Attempts to reform the commission's bureaucracy were led by Peter Van Wulfften Palthe, its out-going chairman. In his opening address yesterday, he blamed member states for not funding the programme properly.

Shaikh 'plotted terror campaign in New York'

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN NEW YORK

AN EGYPTIAN cleric and his followers plotted to wage a bloody campaign of bombings and kidnappings in a terrorist war against the American Government, a federal prosecutor told jurors yesterday, the opening day of the trial of Shaikh Omar Abdel-Rahman and 11 of his followers.

"This is a case about war," US Attorney Robert Khuzami said in his opening statement. "The enemy is the United States, the battlefield the streets and tunnels of New York City. The soldiers who fought this war are seated before you."

He described the centrepiece of the conspiracy as a plan to explode 12 bombs throughout New York city in one day. Targets would have included the United Nations building and two tunnels and a bridge linking Manhattan and New Jersey.

"The case is not about religion or about the great issues of the day," Mr Khuzami said. "It's a simple case of men who planned a war of urban terrorism. They planned to slaughter people as they travelled between New York and New Jersey or sat in office buildings while there were ticking time-bombs underground."

In her opening statement, Lynne Stewart, the shaikh's lawyer — there is one for each defendant — said: "This prosecution is rotten at its core." Shaikh



Rahman: faces life in prison if convicted

Rahman, 56, who is blind, allegedly headed the conspiracy. He claims he is being prosecuted for his beliefs. If convicted, he could face life in prison. But the judge is expected to tell jurors in a preliminary draft of instructions he will give them after the opening statements that "there is no religion on trial here".

The trial is the second chapter in the prosecution of a group allegedly responsible for the 1990 assassination of Rabbi Meir Kahane, the founder of the militant Jewish Defence League, and the February 26, 1993, World Trade Centre bombing, in which six people were killed and hundreds injured.

Three followers of Shaikh Rahman and a fourth man were convicted in the trade centre bombing last year and were sentenced to life in prison without remission. Prosecutors said the motive was to punish America for supporting Israel. The judge in the first trial said the bomb was meant to topple the 110-storey twin towers, a symbol of America's economic might, and kill tens of thousands of people.

One defendant in the current trial, El Sayyid Nosair, an Egyptian, was acquitted in the 1990 assassination trial but was convicted on related weapons charges.

Four months after the trade centre bombing, the FBI raided a safehouse in Queens where five defendants now on trial allegedly were mixing explosives to blow up the United Nations, two tunnels connecting Manhattan and New Jersey and FBI headquarters in New York.

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Thousands evacuated from homes as swollen rivers cause chaos in four countries

Northern Europe endures 'flood of the century'

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

RAPIDLY rising rivers yesterday propelled a thick muddy slime into the old town of Cologne, threatened Frankfurt and made virtual islands of small towns on the banks of the Rhine, the Main, the Mosel and the Maas.

Floods have now affected most of northwestern Europe, disrupting train services and motorways to southern Germany, prompting the biggest evacuation in The Netherlands since 1953 and swamping historic cities such as Bruges and Ghent.

Meteorologists gave no solace to the politicians of France, Germany, Belgium and The Netherlands, who held emergency meetings yesterday. The forecast is for more rain.

In eastern France rivers rose and there were fears that high tides on the Atlantic coast could push up water levels further: the Seine has risen by more than 16ft, flooding nearby roads. In Cologne, the Rhine went up to more than 34ft above sea level, surging into the old town district and flooding restaurants and private homes which have still not dried out since the last flood 13 months ago. This, to the German press, is the "flood of the century", and is certainly the worst since the 1920s. Water lapped at the doors of the German parliament in Bonn yesterday. All the riverside embassies have been evacuated.

France said it would provide emergency financial aid to flood victims in the northeast of the country. "In many areas, we are talking about the flood of the century," a statement from the office of Edouard Balladur, the French Prime Minister, said. "Nearly half the country has been affected."

Since at least 17 people are reported to have drowned in France, with three more in Germany, the floods are being treated throughout northwestern Europe as a major disaster. Nato Tornado jets are taking photographs of the area under water; the army has been transporting hundreds of thousands of sandbags in one direction and using the same lorries to move people from the danger zone.

The water levels are moving so fast, however, that even the basic aid measures are being overtaken by events: wooden walkways connecting flooded homes have been overwhelmed by the water and some barriers have been pushed aside by the rivers. Cars have tipped into the water and trees have been uprooted.

The work has been made more difficult in Cologne and other German cities by so-called "flood tourists" who have been crowding close to the banks and obstructing rescue work. Reinhard Vogt, head of Cologne's flood protection squad, said that these people had been loosening screws on flood barriers, jumping up and down on sandbags, or even stealing them. "We will take all legal measures to stop such activities," he said.

In Belgium, rescue workers moved people from waterlogged homes in the south of the country as police guarded homes abandoned because of devastating floods. Troops were ordered by the Interior Ministry to protect homes in case criminals start looting houses.

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A Dutch couple wade through a street in Geulle yesterday after abandoning their home when the Maas overflowed



Institute rethinks Japanese bombing display

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BOWING to intense political pressure, Washington's august Smithsonian Institution announced yesterday that it was all but abandoning its controversial exhibition on the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. "We made an error," Michael Heyman, the Smithsonian's secretary, said.

The exhibition, due to open in May, was to have reconstructed the story of the atomic bombing of Japan 50 years ago. It will now consist merely of the fuselage of the Hiroshima bomber, the *Enola Gay*, which the Smithsonian has spent $1 million restoring, and possibly some commentary by its crew.

Veterans' groups had long protested that the exhibition portrayed the Japanese as victims and the Americans as ruthless aggressors determined to avenge Pearl Harbour. They were enraged earlier this month when Martin Harwit, director of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, lowered from 229,000 to 63,000 the exhibition's estimate of the number of GIs who would have died had an invasion of Japan been necessary.

The American Legion demanded the exhibition's cancellation. On Capitol Hill, which provides three-quarters of the Smithsonian's funding, 81 Republican congressmen demanded Mr Harwit's resignation and Robert Dole, the Senate Republican leader, called for hearings on the Smithsonian's future.

Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, said he was glad the Smithsonian had decided against becoming "a plaything for left-wing ideologies", but it seemed likely it would also be criticised for its retreat.

A *New York Times* editorial yesterday morning had urged the Smithsonian to stand firm, warning that "the real betrayal of American history would be to insist on a single version of history or to make it the property of the state or any group". A *USA Today* editorial had argued that the Smithsonian's job was to "spread knowledge, including varied viewpoints, not parrot the congressional line".

Interviewed by *The Washington Post* yesterday, Paul Tibbets, the *Enola Gay*'s pilot, said he had no regrets about dropping the bomb which killed an estimated 80,000 Japanese and ushered in the nuclear age. "I've never lost a night's sleep over it, and I never will," said the former commander, who is now 79 and lives quietly in a nondescript suburb of Columbus, Ohio. Last June he called the exhibition a "package of insults".

US governors win leading roles on political stage

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON hosted the annual White House dinner for America's 50 state governors on Sunday night, but this year the event was charged with a rare political electricity.

Once viewed as relatively minor players by Congress and the White House, the governors are fast becoming a major force in US politics. They are the beneficiaries of the Republicans' drive to diminish Washington's power. They have already in many cases turned their states into laboratories for testing key ideas in the Republicans' national agenda, and several of Mr Clinton's Republican dinner guests are now potential challengers for his job.

William Weld, the popular Governor of formerly-liberal Massachusetts, was there, playing coy with reporters about his 1996 intentions, as were Michigan's John Engler and Wisconsin's Tommy Thompson who have both built national reputations as pioneers of welfare reform.

The husband of New Jersey's Christine Todd Whitman joked that he had bought his tape measure. George W. Bush of Texas, returning to the White House for the first time since his father's defeat, said as he waited to meet the Clintons: "I've never had to stand in line here before."

Media attention has focused largely on Congress since Newt Gingrich's Republicans snatched control of Capitol Hill in November's elections, but Republicans also snatched a near-record 30 of America's 50 governorships the same day and now form a separate and increasingly assertive power block. They see themselves, not their congressional colleagues, as the cutting edge of the Republican Revolution, as Mrs Whitman made clear last week when she became the first non-congressman to reply officially to a State of the Union address. She seized the chance to highlight individual Republican governors who were leading the way on cutting taxes, reforming welfare and fighting crime. She has announced plans to redeem her 1993 election pledge of a 30 per cent tax cut a year ahead of schedule.

This new assertiveness has also been much in evidence over the past three days as the National Governors' Association has struggled to agree a united position on reforming a welfare system that almost all agree has failed.

Most Republican governors want Congress to move welfare responsibility from federal Government to the states, and to finance it with grants that the states can spend as they see fit. "If you give us the flexibility, you'd be surprised at how much opportunity there is for new programmes," said Mr Thompson.

'Fat' police sue over expulsions

New York: The police department's effort to shape up its flabby image in New York is being challenged by six recruits who claim they were unfairly expelled from the police academy after flunking a "fat test" (James Bone writes).

Although almost a quarter of New York cops are so overweight that they have difficulty pounding the beat, the six recruits were thrown off the force when doctors found they had too much fat. The six are suing for the right to rejoin a police academy class and resume their chosen careers — once they have slimmed down.

Clinton to extend test moratorium

Washington: President Clinton has decided to extend a moratorium on US nuclear tests beyond this year, Anthony Lake, the National Security Adviser, said yesterday.

Washington wants the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty extended indefinitely but non-aligned states are reluctant to commit themselves to foregoing the weapons while the big five keep theirs. The five are trying to negotiate a test ban treaty, which the non-aligned countries want. *(Reuter)*

Block collapses

Rio de Janeiro: Twenty-seven people died when a six-storey apartment block collapsed in the Brazilian resort town of Guaratuba. Nine people were rescued. "The entire block was reduced to a pile of rubble and twisted iron," a rescue worker said. In São Paulo, 15 people were killed when a shop illegally selling fireworks exploded. *(Reuter)*

Rushdie claims Iran's fatwa has outlawed the Flintstones

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE *Flintstones*, the Stone Age cartoon characters, may have become the latest victim of the Iranian fatwa against Salman Rushdie.

The writer alleges in an interview with *Newsweek* magazine yesterday that he had been forced to drop the famous *Flintstones* jingle from his latest book, *East, West*, because of fears of retaliation.

Mr Rushdie wanted to include a portion of the less-than-Satanic verse:

Flintstones! Meet the Flintstones!

They're the modern Stone Age family.

From the town of Bedrock.

They're a page right out of history.

The lines were to have been used in *The Courter*, one of nine short stories in the book, about a romance between an Eastern European porter and an ageing Indian nanny, both of whom are *Flintstones* fans.

But Turner Broadcasting, which has owned the rights to the song since 1991, insisted that the jingle should be excised from the American edition of his book.

Mr Rushdie, who was sentenced to death for blasphemy by the late Ayatollah Khomeini for writing *The Satanic Verses*, suggested that the company refused him permission to use the lines because of fears that Muslim extremists would retaliate against other Turner properties such as Cable News Network.



Fred Flintstone: unlikely victim of the ayatollahs

Over the years, Islamic militants have killed the Japanese translator of *The Satanic Verses*, stabbed the Italian one and shot Rushdie's Norwegian publisher. "It sure as hell is chicken shit," Mr Rushdie said of the Turner decision. "If I quoted these lines, somebody would shoot Fred Flintstone?"

Mike Oglesby, a spokesman for Turner Broadcasting, which is owned by Ted Turner, said the company "receives hundreds of requests all the time for use of our properties, which we review on a case-by-case basis.

"Adequate details of how they are going to be used and in what context must be provided," he said.

"Adequate details were not provided, so we declined to participate."

UN laments rise of Europe cocaine sales

FROM REUTER IN VIENNA

COCAINE, once used mainly in the United States, now poses a growing threat to Europe as drug traffickers open new markets and trade routes, a United Nations report said yesterday.

The study, by the Vienna-based UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs, was presented at the start of a five-day conference of heads of national drug enforcement agencies from 37 countries. "Europe is a secondary but growing market for world cocaine production," the report said. "Transatlantic cocaine traffickers have mirrored heroin syndicates in exploiting new opportunities presented by the opening of Russia and Eastern Europe."

One of the major problems of drug enforcement co-ordination between Western Europe and the former East Bloc and Soviet Union is the control of money laundering, UN sources said. "While bank secrecy laws are being relaxed where money laundering is suspected in western Europe, former East European, CIS and central Asian states are hesitant to do so, as bank secrecy is still a symbol of a newly acquired market economy and capitalist way of life," one of the sources said.

Relaxed political controls and new, free-market economics have allowed Russian and East European criminal organisations to flourish. They have also made it easier for international drug mafias to link up with local criminals to set up banks and other money laundering institutions, the sources said. Easier border controls and the increasing use of container cargo to move bulk shipments also pose an obstacle to effective drug control.

"Overall the multiplication of actors, routes and methods for transporting narcotics further complicates the already difficult task of law enforcement," the report said. Apart from heroin and cocaine, law enforcers are faced with the spread of local cannabis cultivation and substances which can be produced in comparatively simple laboratories.

"The advent of new indoor cultivation techniques for the growth of cannabis is the major development on this front," the report said, adding that cannabis cultivated by the new techniques was up to 20 times stronger than the normal plant. "Synthetic drugs seem to have captured a growing share of the youth market in Europe," the report said.

It added: "The wide variety and availability of synthetic drugs will ensure that consumers have many options from which to choose even in the event that significant progress is made in limiting the flow of crop-based narcotics."

New line of hope for homeless

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

EVEN if they are living in cardboard boxes on the pavement and begging just to get by, a growing number of homeless people in the United States can now receive telephone calls thanks to a new trend in private charity.

Non-profit groups in more than ten cities from Seattle to New York have set up projects to provide people who are down-and-out with their own telephone answering service. The charities offer homeless people free "voice-mail" at the local telephone company, a service that usually costs subscribers about £6.50 a month. The homeless each receive their own telephone number and can call a toll-free "800" number to hear their messages.

Charity workers say the schemes dramatically improve a homeless person's chances of getting a job or finding a flat, as well as improving their self-image by providing one of the necessities of modern living.

The idea was born three years ago in Seattle, when a group called Community Voice Mail assigned 50 "voice mail" boxes to homeless people. The group says that about 80 per cent of the beneficiaries found employment and 60 per cent accommodation. About 700 homelessess are now involved in the Seattle scheme.

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Algiers car bomb kills 35 on eve of Muslim holiday

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

A HUGE bomb blast in central Algiers yesterday killed at least 35 people and wounded 154, according to state radio.

The blast is the most deadly attack so far in the escalating civil war, and came a day after a warning by Islamic militants that they would step up the killings. The bomb, hidden in a car parked near a bank, exploded as a crowded bus was passing the scene in the middle of the afternoon. It rocked the central police station in the capital.

The Interior Ministry immediately ordered all doctors, surgeons and other medical staff to report to the nearly Mustapha hospital. It also appealed for blood donors.

Security forces immediately cordoned off the area and automatic gunfire was heard. Windows of surrounding buildings were shattered, a huge hole was blown in the pavement in Amirouche Street and people bleeding from cuts to their hands and faces from flying glass ran frantically through the streets. One witness reported a huge explosion which cut telephone lines in the area, and said he saw the bodies of four people killed in the blast covered with white sheets.

No one claimed immediate responsibility. But over the weekend the Armed Islamic Group, the armed wing of the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), the largest opposition group, ordered its supporters to intensify their attacks during the holy month of Ramadan, which begins in a few days.

"If the authorities are preoccupied today with the security situation, they should wait to see even more during this month (Ramadan), because the battle will be great," the statement said.

Ramadan also saw a tripling of violence last year, and the Interior Ministry said that the nightly curfew this year would again be shortened by half an hour to accommodate religious observance.

In the past three years violence has claimed at least 30,000 lives, according to Western estimates. The monthly death toll has now reached between 600-800.

The bombing came a day after at least 10,000 people marched through the streets of Algiers in a demonstration against violence. Calling for a free and democratic Algeria, they chanted slogans of support for President Zeroual. They denounced the peace plan worked out in Rome recently by opposition groups. The Government has refused to meet its Islamic opponents to discuss the plan.

On January 13, delegates of the FIS and the secular opposition issued what they described as a "national contract", calling for an end to the violence and emergency measures, negotiations with the army-backed regime and the release of all political prisoners, but the Government has rejected the call. The Algerian Government has received strong support from France for its tough line. Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, gave a warning in Paris against adopting a soft stance towards Islamic militants, saying they would never waver in their attempt to destabilise moderate Muslim states. "I don't believe for a minute these people will ever abandon their goal of imposing Islamic fundamentalist regimes," M Pasqua said.

The United States had been urging a more flexible policy towards the Algerian Government, and opposed the French line. But over the weekend Alain Juppé, the Foreign Minister, said after talks with Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, that positions and analyses were now much closer. Both France and America condemned violence, encouraged political dialogue and wanted to maintain international aid to help Algeria's economic recovery.

"The Government has scored successes over armed bands, which have been forced by helicopter gunships and other new tactics to break into smaller groups than the company-sized units they moved in before. Losses among security forces are down," a senior French military source said. "But the successes are mostly tactical. Terrorism still continues, especially at night, and the real problem is that the economy is suffering and will not be able to resist if the war goes on."

Yesterday's blast appears to be a deliberate attempt to warn Western countries not to give further backing to the Algerian Government. The FIS and the more extreme Armed Islamic Group have also run a campaign to force all foreigners to leave the country, and several dozen have already been killed.

Foreign diplomats now rarely venture out beyond their guarded compounds. Western embassies have already reduced their embassies to a skeleton staff, and are keeping the situation under constant review.

☐ **Cairo:** A Muslim man facing charges related to a campaign of Islamic militancy was shot dead in a courtroom when he reached for an officer's gun, police said.

Nady Abdel-Hakim Salama, 21, was shot after he moved for the gun in an attempt to escape from the courthouse in Manfalout, 185 miles south of Cairo.

Mr Salama had spent a month in jail on suspicion that he tried to kill a policeman earlier this month in Manfalout. The court was to decide whether to extend his detention.

More than 590 people have been killed in the three-year campaign by Islamic militants against the Government. Eighty-three people have died in January, the bloodiest month yet. *(AP)*

Gaza City: Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the PLO, urged President Clinton yesterday to intervene to help salvage the peace process, which has been threatened by anti-Israeli violence. Mr Clinton condemned a double suicide bombing in Israel last Sunday in which 21 people died. *(AFP)*

Chinese greet new year with anxiety

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

FOR the first time in years, Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader, failed to make his traditional television appearance last night, the eve of the Chinese New Year of the Pig. His non-appearance was likely to fuel speculation about the state of his health, diplomats said.

Although Mr Deng, 90, was said to have received President Jiang Zemin and other leaders who conveyed new year greetings at the weekend, his absence from news bulletins indicated that his medical condition was delicate, though not necessarily critical.

It was also a message to the Chinese people that Mr Deng, who brought them the prosperity they are now enjoying, would not be around much longer, envoys said.

His absence was not a complete surprise. Earlier this month, Deng Rong, Mr Deng's youngest and closest daughter, said in an interview with *The New York Times* that her father's health had declined significantly and Chinese officials indicated that Mr Deng was unlikely to be seen this new year either on television or in photographs in the press. The most recent photograph of him to be published in China was taken last October.

Instead of Mr Deng, pictures of Mr Jiang, the President and Communist Party leader, were broadcast. He is now described as the "core' around which other Chinese leaders should rally. He made a speech yesterday in which he offered Taiwan an olive branch, suggesting that the two sides should hold talks on ending the hostility between them as a prelude to reunification.

Otherwise, the Chinese new year was ushered in last night in Peking without the traditional crash and roar of firecrackers; they were banned after reports said that 60,000 Chinese are killed or injured each year by fireworks.

The Year of the Pig is normally viewed as a rosy and prosperous one, but this year there is a marked degree of uncertainty, even anxiety, stemming from Mr Deng's failing health and questions about the stability of the leadership group that will follow him.

The Government faces the possibility of a bruising trade war with the United States after the failure last week of talks held to end dispute over the trade in fake compact and laser discs, made in 29 Chinese factories. Mickey Kantor, the American trade representative, has invited a Chinese delegation to visit Washington this week. If agreement is not reached before Saturday's deadline, America says it will impose annual tariffs worth $1 billion (£645 million) on Chinese products a move that would also affect Hong Kong.

Outwardly, the situation in Peking remains calm, with shops doing a roaring trade yesterday selling chocolate, sweets, fresh fruit and vegetables, which were not available in winter until the past year or two.

Last night the streets emptied as Chinese went home to watch pop shows on television and feast on meat-stuffed dumplings and apples, oranges and tangerines. At the Guiyou department store in central Peking, Chinese with apparently no shortage of cash were buying bottles of Scotch for £14.

Mr Deng was believed to be at home with his children and grand-children. Correspondents who tried to visit the narrow street where his compound is situated behind the Forbidden City were turned away by security men. Last week there were fewer of the guards around, indicating that Mr Deng may have been in hospital.



Chris Patten, the Hong Kong Governor, buys some peach blossom as he visits a Chinese new year fair in the colony's Victoria Park on the eve of the festivities

Kobe bill to reach £56 billion

Tokyo: Reconstruction following the devastating earthquake which struck central Japan two weeks ago will total more than £56 billion, a top local government official said yesterday.

Choji Ashio, Deputy Governor in Hyogo prefecture, gave the estimate to visiting officials from Tokyo. Kobe is the capital of the prefecture. More than 102,000 houses and buildings were completely or partially destroyed. *(Reuter)*

Bus attack

Freetown: Sierra Leone rebels opened fire on a bus 80 miles from the capital, killing one person and seriously wounding 14. The bus was travelling from Kabala, where two Britons were taken hostage in November. *(Reuter)*

Timor protest

The Hague: Portugal has accused Australia of violating East Timor's right of self-determination by signing a treaty with Indonesia, which rules the island, to exploit oil off the Timor coast. *(Reuter)*

Killers' reward

Phnom Penh: Guerrillas who murdered an American woman and her Cambodian guide earlier this month have been rewarded by the Khmer Rouge with water buffaloes, oxen and money. *(AP)*

Chip protest

Canberra: Parliament house was blockaded by 250 giant logging lorries in protest over a new policy on woodchip exports, which is opposed by both environmentalists and loggers. *(Reuter)*

Somali battle

Mogadishu: Two people were reported killed as rival clans fought with machineguns and rocket-propelled grenades for control of a building vacated three days ago by a UN agency. *(AP)*

Divine calling

Jerusalem: An Israeli rabbi has banned cellular telephones, known in Israel as "miracle phones", from synagogues, saying they interfere with worshippers' communication with God. *(Reuter)*

Colombo delivers food and aid to its enemies in a war of paradoxes

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN POINT PEDRO, JAFFNA

EVERY day, two barges unload lentils, rice and grain from a government cargo ship anchored off Point Pedro in the Tamil Tigers' stronghold of Jaffna in northern Sri Lanka. Without it, 800,000 Tamils would go hungry. In this war of paradoxes, the Government feeds the enemy.

For more than four years Jaffna has been encircled by thousands of armed forces who have shelled it from ships, bombed it from the air, blasted it from field guns and controlled the movement of every scrap of food across the sealed boundary. Jaffna, unable to feed itself, is at the mercy of government charity.

The ship, *Mercs Komari*, anchors a mile offshore every dawn, and 400 Tamil labourers unload it until dusk. Then it sails 90 minutes to the security of government-controlled waters, returning again at sunrise. The International Committee of the Red Cross oversees this quiet, vital ritual.

The Government-funded operation provides the minimum to sustain the population and avoid a human rights catastrophe. Colombo knows it would face international condemnation if it attempted to starve Jaffna into submission. Farming on the Jaffna peninsula is hampered because there is no fuel or fertiliser: the Government says that fuel is a military item and fertilisers can be turned into explosives.



A truce took effect on January 8, the latest of several in the 12-year war. The Government that took power in Colombo last August ordered the army to halt plans for a stronger assault and tried instead to secure peace. So far, the portents are unpromising.

"We are worried," a senior army officer in charge of counter-insurgency operations said. "The terrorists appear to be making use of the ceasefire to regain lost ground." He claimed they were moving into areas they occupied in the Eastern Province before the army drove them out over the past two years.

In Jaffna City, an hour's journey from Point Pedro along broken roads lined by smashed buildings, initial excitement about the prospects for peace is waning. President Kumaratunga says the Tigers continue to make new demands.

Equally, the Tigers' sympathisers are not convinced about the Government's sincerity. Father Seemampillai Emmanuel, the Roman Catholic leader in the Jaffna diocese, said: "The Government talks about peace while holding us by the neck. Jaffna is a prison: we cannot leave or enter without their permission. We have no transportation, no electricity, no telephones. They thought that by depriving us of basic facilities we would rise against the Tigers. They were wrong." He acknowledged that the rebels were ruthless disciplinarians and brooked no opposition. "In a time of war there is no time for discussion of opposite views. We must keep our direction."

Tamils in Jaffna blame extremists in the Buddhist clergy for Sri Lanka's ethnic crisis. "The monks are lying low while the peace talks go on, but they will assert themselves if some sort of deal looks like emerging with the Tamils," Shanmugam Nathan, the senior lecturer in sociology at Jaffna University, said.

The Tigers run 11 orphanages and operate a modest welfare system for the families of dead combatants. They have planted tens of thousands of palm trees to try to repair environmental damage. Dowry has been banned and caste barriers put aside. In effect, the Tamil Tigers have achieved their dream of a homeland called Eelam, even if it is at the mercy of an old cargo ship.

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Photographer plans Vietnam rock festival

FROM KEVIN BUBEL IN HANOI

TIM PAGE, the Vietnam war photographer, is to focus world attention on the country he depicted with a two-day rock concert in Hue, profits from which will endow the city's university with a faculty of journalism.

Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Van Morrison, Sinead O'Connor, performers from Vietnam and every other country from which journalists who covered the war were killed, are to play on a stage built within Hue's citadel — the ancient heart of the city that was virtually levelled during the 1968 Tet offensive.

It is scheduled to start on June 25, the 40th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and the tenth of the setting up of Unesco, which is a co-sponsor of Mr Page's "personal dream". Mr Page, who in Vietnam holds the rank of "honorary colonel" for his photographs, which are perceived as anti-war, is working in Hanoi on a project to take portraits of Vietnamese and American figures involved in the conflict, which ended 20 years ago this April.

His dream was to build a Buddhist memorial to photographers Sean Flynn and Dana Stone. They were seized in Cambodia in 1970 by Vietnamese guerrillas and later killed by Khmer Rouge fighters. That plan evolved into setting up the Indochina Media Memorial Foundation, "a living testament", Mr Page says, "to the excellence of what journalism should be".

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Strikes in Pretoria jolt foreign investors

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

A SERIES of strikes involving bloodshed, protests and arrests is threatening to undermine President Mandela's hopes of increasing and sustaining foreign investment in the new South Africa.

Six thousand gold miners, workers in the country's most important industry, yesterday failed to return to work at Vaal Reef's No 8 shaft at Vierfontein in the Orange Free State. The stoppage has produced a spasm of bloody warfare between Xhosa and Sotho tribesmen employed at the mine, and left 12 miners dead after the weekend. According to Anglo American, which owns the mine company, the failure to work dishonoured an agreement reached between management, the National Union of Mineworkers and representatives of the two factions on Sunday.

James Duncan, for Anglo American, said management regarded a return to work as a priority. The union denied last night that a fixed return-to-work deadline had been agreed.

The union also blamed the outbreak of factional fighting on the "inhuman conditions" in which miners were forced to live in mine hostels. "Mineworkers are kraaled like cattle to be fed and watered before the next shift," Frans Baleni, the union's national organiser, said.

Judith Weymont, for the union, complained: "Thousands upon thousands of men live eight to a room with the barest of facilities, no privacy, and no form of entertainment or recreation except to buy beer from the same company they work for. In such a deprived environment, these kinds of inhuman conditions can only exacerbate any form of disagreement among individuals and small groups."

After a strike by black policemen at a police station in the Orlando area of Soweto, about 400 residents gathered outside the building yesterday to call for the immediate suspension of Brigadier Chris Earle, the district commissioner. The protesters, mainly women, believed that Brigadier Earle gave the order for an internal stability unit to open fire on striking policemen at the station on Friday. One striker, a police warrant officer, was killed. The demonstrators wanted Sidney Mufamadi, the Safety and Security Minister, to accept their petition personally. A three-man commission has been appointed by the provincial government to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of the warrant officer.

Another company owned by Anglo American was also affected by a strike yesterday on the coast south of Durban. Hundreds of construction company workers downed tools at a chemical plant, sat on the road, blocking the entrance to the factory at Umbogintwini. Police moved in and cleared the road, arresting 11 protesters.



Mandela: pinning hopes on an influx of money

Australian Liberals elect new leader

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA'S opposition Liberal Party elected a new leader yesterday, marking a sudden boost in its electoral fortunes and an end to months of internal crisis.

John Howard stood unopposed at a party meeting in Canberra after the resignation last week of Alexander Downer, who had held the post for eight months. Mr Howard's smooth elevation to the leadership coincided with publication of an opinion poll suggesting that the Liberal coalition would win a federal election held now.

The survey, commissioned by *The Sydney Morning Herald*, showed that support for the coalition has surged to 44 per cent. Labour has slipped to 40 per cent.

Mr Howard is comfortably ahead of Paul Keating as the public's preferred Prime Minister with 49 per cent of respondents favouring him and 43 per cent the Labour leader. The figures represent a dramatic turnaround in the Liberal Party's fortunes since a month ago, when the Government led the coalition by 45 per cent to 40 per cent.

At a news conference, Mr Howard made his position clear on the republican issue, insisting that the present constitution "worked very well" and adding: "It's given this country 100 years of economic stability, cohesion and tolerance."

Clearly conscious of a change in the national mood, however, he said: "Many people in the Australian community are beginning to question the relevance of sharing a head of state with another country ... " He added that he would support the status quo in an immediate referendum, but could change his mind "in a few years time".







David Kang, top left, with his lawyer yesterday after his court appearance in Sydney. Above left, the Prince of Wales is shouldered aside as a security officer dives towards the lone attacker and, right, the gunman is escorted from the Australia Day ceremony by Special Branch officers

Lax security encouraged man to fire at Prince

BY ROGER MAYNARD

POOR security encouraged a student to fire twice at the Prince of Wales with a starting pistol during last year's Australia Day ceremony in Sydney, it emerged yesterday.

The gunman was so amazed that nobody checked him for a weapon as he entered the open-air auditorium at Sydney's Darling Harbour that he decided to leap on to the stage brandishing the firearm in a protest against the detention of Cambodian boat people.

The police presence was so poor that there was not even an officer between him and the platform. The security lapse was disclosed during a video-taped confession by David Kang, 24, who pleaded not guilty to causing an affray. During the interview, which was shown in court, Mr Kang said that he had expected to be searched by the police so he disguised the starting pistol by wrapping it up like a Christmas present with pink paper.

"Initially I thought I would just stand up and pull it [the trigger] and then run away and the police would grab me," he said. "But this evening the security was not there. I was surprised there was not a policeman in front of the stage and I thought 'My goodness! No police in my way — I'll just go towards the stage because nobody's there'."

He added: "I heard the starter pistol ... once then twice ... I remember sliding and then everybody just jumping on me."

Mr Kang admitted that he expected to be shot by a police sniper as he rushed towards the stage. He carried letters explaining the purpose of the attack in case he died. They said that he was protesting about the plight of Cambodian boat people detained in Australia. He asked: "What did I have to do to get the Australian media to say what's going on down at Villawood Detention Centre is an atrocity, is unjust. And they just don't care. Everybody just doesn't seem to care; and then I thought this was the only option."

The Sydney court was told that he had written about 500 letters to organisations and government bodies in an effort to draw attention to the boat people held in custody at the Villawood detention centre in Sydney. He even wrote to the Prince of Wales suggesting that he should visit the centre during his Australian tour, but he declined. "This letter was the like the icing on the cake; it really grated me," he said. Mr Kang, the Australian-born son of Korean parents, stared impassively at a university booklet as videotape of the attack was also played to the packed courtroom. Ian Barker, his solicitor, suggested that the police had "thrown the book at him" because they were so embarrassed about the security lapse.

The court was also told that Mr Kang had been undergoing psychiatric treatment for severe depression and had suicidal tendencies. He was carrying magazine articles about two prominent suicide cases at the time of the attack.

The hearing was adjourned until today to allow the magistrate time to consider defence and prosecution submissions. If convicted, Mr Kang could be jailed for up to five years.

European Law Report — Luxembourg

Net book agreement exempt from EC anti-competition decision

Publishers Association (supported by Clé, the Irish Book Publishers Association, and the Booksellers Association of Great Britain and Ireland, interveners) v Commission of the European Communities (supported by Pentos plc and Pentos Retailing Group Ltd, interveners)

Case C-360/92P

Before G. C. Rodríguez Iglesias, President, acting as President of the Chamber, and Judges J. C. Moitinho de Almeida and D. A. O. Edward

Advocate General C. Lenz

(Opinion June 16, 1994)

[Judgment January 17]

Article 85(3) of the EEC Treaty, providing for exemption from article 85(1) (prohibition of anti-competitive agreements) in the case of agreements which provided certain benefits, was not subject to the condition that those benefits should occur only in the territory of the member state or states where the undertakings who were parties to the agreement were established.

The refusal of such an exemption in relation to the net book agreements was tainted by insufficient account having been taken of the single language area formed by the British and Irish book markets.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities (Fifth Chamber) so held on an appeal by the Publishers Association and supporting interveners, from the Court of First Instance in Case T-66/89 (*The Times* November 7, 1992; [1992] ECR II-1995) which had dismissed the association's application for annulment of Commission Decision 89/44/EEC of December 12, 1988 (OJ 1989 L22 p12) in which the Commission of the European Communities had in article 1, found that agreements known as the net book agreements and ancillary rules constituted an infringement of article 85(1); in article 2, rejected an application for exemption under article 85(3), and, in articles 3 and 4, made consequential orders.

The Court of Justice set aside that part of the Court of First Instance's judgment upholding articles 2, 3 and 4 of the decision, and of its own motion annulled those parts of the decision.

The part of the judgment relating to article 1 was not contested in the appeal.

The net book agreements, concluded in 1957 under the aegis of the Publishers Association, which represented the majority of publishers in the United Kingdom, laid down standard conditions for the sale of books at fixed prices, under which, with certain exceptions, a book could not be sold, offered for sale or permitted to be sold to the public at less than the net published price.

The conditions applied to all sales to the public effected in the United Kingdom and Ireland by a wholesaler or retailer when the publisher publishing or distributing a book decided to market it at a net retail price.

In 1962 the Restrictive Practices Court, considering the validity of the agreements in the light of British legislation, held that the public would be deprived of benefits and advantages by their abolition and would not suffer appreciable harm by their maintenance, and that, accordingly, they were not contrary to the public interest: see *In re Net Book Agreement 1957* ([1962] LR 3 RP 246). There were subsequent decisions of that court to the same effect.

Article 2 of the Commission decision was on the ground that the restrictions imposed by the net book agreements were not indispensable to the attainment of the stated objectives, namely, avoiding a decrease in the number of stockholding booksellers, a fall in sales and smaller print runs, and hence a rise in book prices.

Article 85(3) provides: "The provisions of paragraph (1) may ... be declared inapplicable in the case of: — any agreement ... between undertakings ... which contributes to improving the production or distribution of goods or to promoting technical or economic progress, while allowing consumers a fair share of the resulting benefit, and which does not (a) impose on the undertakings concerned restrictions which are not indispensable to the attainment of these objectives..."

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held:

The central plea in law in support of the appeal was that the Court of First Instance had erred in law in upholding the Commission's view that the net book agreements were not indispensable to the attainment of the objectives pursued, without taking a position as to whether those objectives were actually attained.

The essence of that plea, together with two other pleas which challenged the reasoning in the judgment with regard to the distinction between the national and intra-Community effects of the agreements, was that the Court of First Instance had not taken into consideration the consequences of the existence of a single language area forming a single market for books in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

That omission was said to have prevented the court from carrying out a sufficiently detailed review of the Commission's assessment that the restrictions of competition resulting from the application of the agreements were not indispensable.

The Court of First Instance had held (at paragraph 83) that, given the particular ground for rejection of the application for exemption, evidence showing that the inherent benefits of the net book agreement system at the national level also extended to intra-Community trade was irrelevant, so that it was not necessary to consider the benefits of the agreements on the national market in order to assess the legality of the Commission's refusal.

That reasoning ignored the need to determine the extent to which, having regard to the single language area referred to, the objectives pursued by the agreements, the restrictions of competition arising therefrom, and the relationship between the objectives and the restrictions were to be assessed in the same way or differently, depending on whether the assessment related to the national territory alone or to the Community market.

The court then held (paragraph 84): "The [Publishers Association] which is an association consisting of publishers established in the United Kingdom, is not entitled to rely on any negative effects which might be felt on the Irish market, even though that market belongs to the same language area."

That finding was vitiated by an error of law.

Nothing in the wording or spirit of article 85(3) allowed that provision to be interpreted as meaning that the possibility for which it provided, of declaring paragraph (1) inapplicable in the case of certain agreements which contributed to improving the production or distribution of goods or to promoting technical or economic progress, was subject to the condition that those benefits should occur only on the territory of the member state or states in which the undertakings who were parties to the agreement were established and not in the territory of other member states.

Such an interpretation was incompatible with the fundamental objectives of the Community and with the very concepts of common market and single market.

In another part of its judgment the Court of First Instance did not properly deal with a contention by the Publisher's Association relating to the findings of the Restrictive Practices Court in 1962 and to evidence produced by the association to show that the situation on the book market had not substantially changed since 1962.

For those reasons, the judgment under appeal was vitiated by a number of errors of law and would be set aside.

In accordance with article 54 of the Statute of the Court of Justice, the court would itself give final judgment in the matter, as the state of the proceedings so permitted.

Under article 190 of the EEC Treaty, Commission decisions had to state the reasons on which they were based.

While the Commission was not required to discuss all the issues of fact and law raised by undertakings seeking an exemption, the statement of reasons in any adverse decision had to enable the Court to review its lawfulness and make clear to the member state and persons concerned the circumstances in which the Commission had applied the Treaty.

In its application for annulment the association made two submissions in relation to article 2 of the decision, aimed essentially to show that the decision failed to take proper account of the association's argument concerning the negative effects of the decision on intra-Community trade and in particular on the book market in Ireland.

The first was that the reasoning of the decision with respect to the indispensability of the restrictions on competition was based on factors contradicted by the evidence produced in support of the application for exemption, including, as evidence of alleged benefits, the decisions of the Restrictive Practices Court.

The association's argument that the findings of that court concerning the benefits of the net book agreements in the United Kingdom were also of relevance in assessing the consequences of those agreements in Ireland appeared to have some force, in view of the single language area.

In those circumstances the Commission should have considered the association's argument based on the decisions of the national court, but, while it referred to the existence of those decisions, it did not discuss their content, and in its summary of the association's argument it made no mention of the conclusions of the Restrictive Practices Court or the benefits of the net book agreements on the Irish book market.

The decision thus did not contain any explanation of why the conclusions of the Restrictive Practices Court and the documents produced by the association in support of its arguments were of no relevance.

It followed that, in view of the existence of a single language area formed by the British and Irish markets, the Commission did not give adequate reasons for its decision on that point.

The association's second submission related to the Commission's reliance on its decision considered in (Joint Cases 43 and 63/82) *VBVB v Commission of the European Communities* ([1984] ECR 19).

The system designed by the Flemish and Dutch associations of publishers and booksellers at issue in that case differed from that set up by the net book agreements, and the Commission's reference to that case was manifestly inappropriate and so constituted a defect in the statement of reasons.

Article 2 of the decision, and the consequential orders by the Commission, would therefore be annulled on the ground of infringement of essential procedural requirements within the meaning of article 173 of the Treaty.

On those grounds the Court of Justice:

1 Set aside the judgment of the Court of First Instance of July 9, 1992 in Case T-66/89.

2 Annulled articles 2, 3 and 4 of Commission Decision 89/44/EEC of December 12, 1988 relating to a proceeding under article 85 of the EC Treaty.

3 Ordered the Commission to bear its own costs and all the costs incurred by the appellant, both in the proceedings before the Court of First Instance and in the proceedings before the Court, and the costs incurred before the Court relating to the intervention by Clé and the Booksellers Association of Great Britain and Ireland.

4 Ordered Pentos plc and Pentos Retailing Group Ltd to bear their

Wholly owned subsidiary avoids concerted practice charge

Viho Europe BV v Commission of the European Communities (supported by Parker Pen Ltd, intervener)

Case T-102/92

Before R. Schintgen, President and Judges R. García-Valdecasas, H. Kirschner, B. Vesterdorf and C. W. Bellamy

[Judgment January 12]

Where a subsidiary did not freely determine its conduct on the market but carried out instructions given by the parent company by which it was wholly controlled, the relations between the subsidiary and the parent in that economic unit could not amount to an agreement or concerted practice between undertakings which restricted competition in the meaning of article 85(1) of the EEC Treaty, even if the subsidiary had a separate legal personality and even if a policy followed by the economic unit contributed to preserving and partitioning national markets.

The Court of First Instance of the European Communities (First Chamber) so held when dismissing an application by Viho Europe BV under the review provisions of article 173 of the Treaty for the annulment of a decision of September 30, 1992 whereby the Commission of the European Communities had rejected Viho's complaint that Parker Pen Ltd and its subsidiaries infringed article 85(1).

Parker, a company incorporated under English law, sold its range of writing utensils throughout Europe through subsidiary companies among others.

In a complaint, Viho claimed that Parker's distribution system whereby the subsidiaries were required to restrict the distribution of Parker products to their allocated territories and to refer orders from customers in other member states to the subsidiary established in the same state as the customer, infringed article 85(1) by aiming to preserve national markets and partition them from each other in order to prevent, restrict or distort competition within the common market.

The Commission rejected the complaint on the ground that the distribution system fulfilled the conditions laid down by the Court of Justice of the European Communities for the non-applicability of article 85(1), as the subsidiaries and the parent company formed one economic unit within which the subsidiaries did not enjoy real autonomy in determining their course of action in the market, and the assignment of a specific distribution area to each of the Parker subsidiaries did not exceed the limits of what could normally be regarded as necessary for the purpose of a proper distribution of tasks within a group.

Viho made, among others, the following submissions in support of its application:

1 The Court of Justice had consistently held that, by way of exception, article 85(1) did not apply to agreements or concerted practices between undertakings belonging to the same group which had the status of parent company and subsidiary where two independent conditions, neither of which was satisfied in the present case, were concurrently satisfied:

(i) The parent company forms part of a single economic unit within which the subsidiary had no real freedom to determine its course of action in the market because the parent company permanently supervised the making of decisions by, and the administration of, its subsidiary, and (ii) the agreements were solely intended to carry out an internal allocation of tasks as between the undertakings.

2 The Parker subsidiaries, as independent units from a legal point of view, enjoyed a certain autonomy and freedom of action with regard to the distribution of Parker products in their respective territories, and in (Case 30/87) *Bodson v Pompes Funèbres des Régions Libérées* ([1988] ECR 2479, paragraph 20) the Court of Justice had held that legally independent companies within one and the same group constituted different undertakings within the meaning of article 85(1).

3 The economic independence of the subsidiaries was confirmed by the facts that they charged different sales prices, applied different terms of warranty, undertook different sales promotions, sold identical products in different forms, packaging and selections using different distribution methods, and followed different delivery criteria.

4 As to (ii) above, even within a group of companies in which the parent had extensive powers to issue instructions, an agreement which restricted competition was not authorised if it went beyond an internal allocation of tasks.

5 Even if central control by Parker was established, the control had the purpose and effect of conferring exclusive territorial protection on the subsidiaries and thereby ensuring the preservation of isolated national markets, and that infringed the fundamental principles of the common market so that in such circumstances article 85(1) must apply.

In its judgment the Court of First Instance held, *inter alia*:

In (Case 48/169) *ICI v Commission of the European Communities* ([1972] ECR 619, paragraph 134) the Court of Justice held, with regard to the treatment under article 85(1) of agreements concluded within a group of companies, that where a subsidiary did not enjoy real autonomy in determining its course of action in the market, the article 85(1) prohibitions were to be considered inapplicable in the relationship between it and the parent company with which it formed one economic unit, and other case law of the Court of Justice and the Court of First Instance was to the same effect.

It was not disputed that Parker owned 100 per cent of the capital of certain of its subsidiaries and that the sales and marketing activities of the subsidiaries were directed by an area team which was appointed by the parent company and which controlled, in particular, sales targets, gross margins, sales costs, cash flow and stocks.

The area team also laid down the range of products to be sold, monitored advertising and issued directives concerning prices and discounts.

The Commission had therefore correctly classified the Parker group as one economic unit within which the subsidiaries did not enjoy real autonomy in determining their course of action in the market.

In (Case 170/83) *Hydrotherm v Compact* ([1984] ECR 2999, paragraph 11) the Court of Justice had held: "In competition law, the term 'undertaking' must be understood as designating an economic unit for the purpose of the subject matter of the agreement in question even if in law that economic unit consists of several persons, natural or legal."

Similarly, in (Case T-11/89) *Shell v Commission of the European Communities* ([1992] ECR II-757, para 311) the Court of First Instance had held: "article 85(1) ... is aimed at economic units which consist of a unitary organisation of personal, tangible and intangible elements which pursues a specific economic aim on a long-term basis and can contribute to an infringement of the kind referred to in that provision."

Therefore, for the purposes of the application of the competition rules, the unified conduct on the part of the parent company and its subsidiaries took precedence over the formal separation between those companies as a result of their separate legal personalities.

It followed that, in the absence of consensus of intent between economically independent entities, relations within an economic unit could not amount to an agreement or concerted practice between undertakings which restricted competition in the meaning of article 85(1).

Where, as in the present case, the subsidiary, although having a separate legal personality, did not freely determine its conduct on the market but carried out the instructions given to it directly or indirectly by the parent company by which it was wholly controlled, article 85(1) did not apply to the relationship between the subsidiary and the parent company with which it formed an economic unit.

It was true that it could not be excluded that Parker's distribution policy might contribute to preserving and partitioning the various national markets, but it followed from the case law mentioned above that such a policy, followed by an economic unit such as the Parker group within which the subsidiaries did not enjoy any freedom to determine their conduct on the market, did not fall within the scope of article 85(1).

The Commission was therefore correct in deciding that the subsidiaries' conduct was to be imputed to the parent company and that Parker's distribution system fulfilled the conditions established by the Court of Justice for the non-applicability of article 85(1).

It did not avail Viho to argue that the agreements at issue infringed the article on the ground that they exceeded an internal allocation of tasks within the group.

It was not for the court, on the pretext that certain conduct might fall outside the competition rules, to apply article 85(1) to circumstances for which it was not intended in order to fill a gap which might exist in the system of review laid down by the Treaty.

For those reasons, the Court of First Instance:

1 Dismissed the application.

2 Ordered the applicant to bear the whole of the costs including those

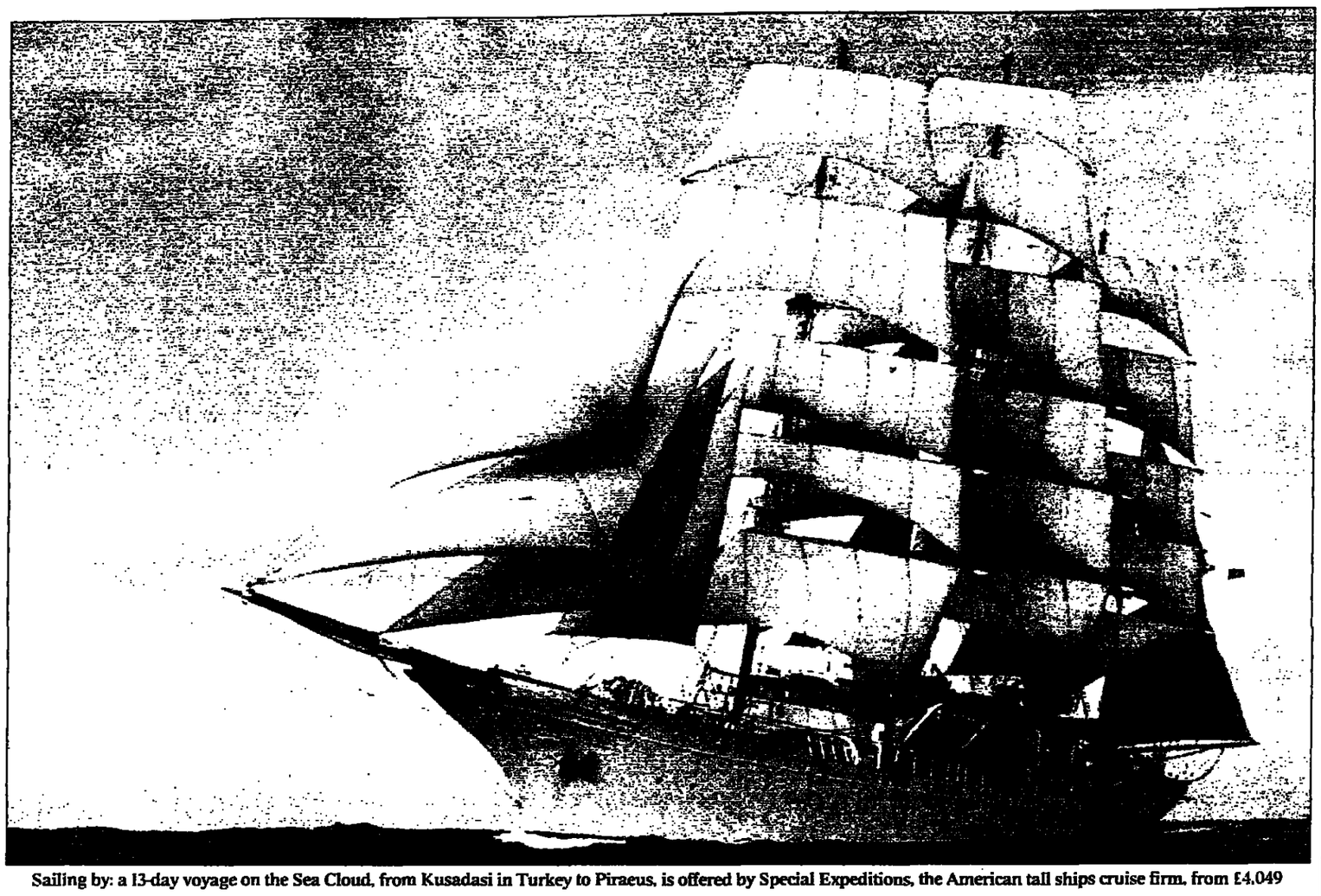
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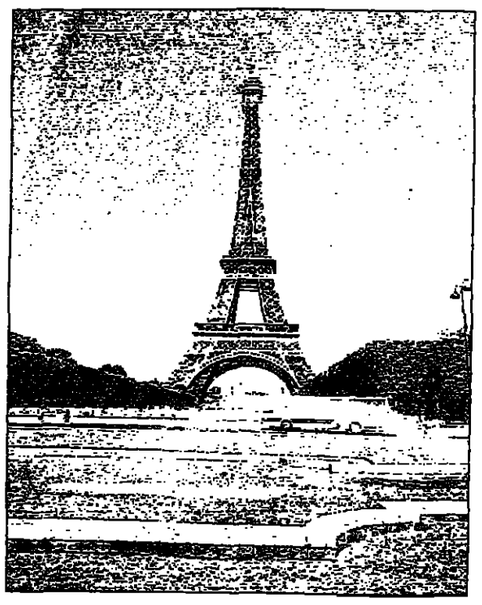
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Giles Coren meets a British designer whose ideas will revolutionise housekeeping

Inventor who cleaned up a small fortune

DAVID HOWELLS



James Dyson with his Dual Cyclone vacuum cleaner, which will double the size of his multi-million pound market

Even the taxi driver knew how it worked. As soon as I mentioned that I was visiting James Dyson, he was off. "That'll be the inventor of the Dual Cyclone," he told me, "the vacuum cleaner which doesn't need a bag, but filters the dirt by the centrifugal force of two cyclones. I've got one myself. And the Ballbarrow, too. It never gets stuck in mud, and it doesn't make lines on the lawn."

If this is the reaction of everyone who buys a Dyson product, I couldn't help thinking, it is no surprise that his inventions have achieved worldwide sales of more than £1 billion.

James Dyson is an inventor. Not a crazed boffin with a high forehead and electric-shock hair style, but a tall, well-kempt man who doesn't wave his arms around or shout, but speaks softly with a gentle, Heseltine roll on his 'r's. And at 47 he has some genuinely revolutionary inventions behind him. He also has a beautiful Georgian house in a village near Bath, and homes in Chelsea and the South of France — some of the fruits of his total control of a £200-million-a-year business.

Yet he does not have an engineering degree. He did not even study science at school, opting instead for classics and the Royal College of Art. "I soon realized that I wasn't after a life of painting," he says, "so I turned to furniture design. The work was all in wood, very nice, but not modern enough. So I moved over to interior design to work with plastic."

While still at the RCA he worked with the Conran Design Group on Terminal 1 at Heathrow, and designed the Rotork Sea Truck, a high-speed, air-lubricated, polyurethane hull for assault and landing craft, which won a Design Council Award.

"I realised I was veering towards product design, that I was interested in the technology as well as the look, and that they couldn't be separated. That is the way with the best designs. Brunel didn't try to make bridges look good, they just did. The engineering showed through and gave things a fantastic glow that no flippant sensationalist like Philippe Starck could even dream of. The technology is all-important."

But how can someone trained as an artist make the leap to technological innovation? "Engineering is just a state of mind," he says. "You don't need a vast amount of knowledge. But I cling to the belief that anyone can become an expert in a specific area in about six months, whether it's hydrodynamics for boats, cyclonic systems for vacuum cleaners, or wheelchair propulsion. I steer clear of projects that involve too much maths and try to stick to empirical things, ideas that require an Edisonian approach."

This was the approach that brought us the now ubiquitous Ballbarrow. In 1974 Dyson set up a company to produce a dumper-truck-style plastic hull, suspended on a large football. It immediately took a half share of the market and won him another award.

It was while producing the Ballbarrow that the idea for the cyclonic vacuum cleaner was born. "We had to spray the barrow with an epoxy powder, and the powder which didn't stick had to be sucked away. We were using a vacuum with a cloth filter which would clog up once an hour and stop production.

"Looking around for something better, I discovered that the cyclone principle was being used in the car industry, but would cost £70,000 to buy. We built one ourselves, and it was amazing: it never clogged and production was uninterrupted.

"It occurred to me that the system could be used on domestic vacuum cleaners, which had not changed in 100 years. I went home, took the bag off my old machine and built a cyclone out of cardboard and Sellotape, which worked. I sold the Ballbarrow company and began to develop the Dual Cyclone (so called because an outer cyclone spinning at 200mph removes large debris and most of the dust, while an inner cyclone, rotating at 924mph, creates huge gravitational force and drives the finest dust — as small as the particles in cigarette smoke — out of the air)."

Despite the success of his previous inventions, Dyson could find no one at home to back his efforts with cash, a perennial problem for British inventors. Instead he sold licences to America and Japan (where the "G-Force" makes £90 million a year despite a cost of £1,200 per machine) to raise the £4.5 million he needed for his research.

"British industry's attitude to development and designers is blighted by short-termism," he claims. "You have to show a quick turn-around and immediate profit. Engineering is not about that — it's a long-term way of regenerating a company. If the City-boys and the banks, the people Thatcher *glorified, demand an instant* return we just sell our products better, we don't improve them. Advertising is the British answer to everything. But that is the way to a fast buck, not real money.

"The best kind of business is one where you can sell a product at a high price with a large margin [the Dual Cyclone costs about £200] and make an enormous amount of money. For that you have to develop a product that works better and looks better than existing ones. That kind of investment is long-term, high-risk and not very British."

The original, upright, Dual Cyclone has been on sale for two years, generating £20 million a year. This week its *cylindrical equivalent goes on* sale. "The public divides into upright-pushers and cylinder-pullers — now the pullers have a Cyclone too." James Dyson is convinced that the cylinder model will double sales, and since Europeans are all pathological cylinder draggers, the Continent is soon to be breached too.

One final question. The area where the dirt collects is transparent, all our detritus is paraded on the outside, turning the classic design inside out. Why do we need to see it?

Is this some post-modernist nod to the architectural style pioneered by Richard Rodgers at the Pompidou Centre, where the air-conditioning systems and escalators, the *very guts, are made into a self-*referential design feature?

"No," says Dyson. "It is so you can see when it's full."

Spare the rod, save the child

Parents who smack their children are failing, not helping them



NIGELLA LAWSON

WHEN Penelope Leach was interviewed after her last book, *Children First*, she was rebuked for promulgating a guilt-inducing counsel of perfection. Her reply, as coolly reasonable as ever she is, was that she had no interest whatsoever in fostering guilt, regarding it as an emotion with no useful purpose, and that even if her beliefs on child-rearing were not always easy to uphold, it didn't mean it was wrong to have the beliefs in the first place. After all, she said, you don't enter into marriage intending to be unfaithful.

This is exactly how I feel about hitting children. The aim must surely be not to, even if once or twice one falls by the wayside. Many of one's views on childcare, most of them probably, change radically after having a child oneself. Indeed, many of one's views on a good many things come up for review. But I feel the same way about the physical punishment of children as I did in my childless state. Indeed, hearing anew the arguments in favour of hitting, prompted just now by the UN's condemnation of the level of childcare in this country and, pointedly, by its recommendation that the physical punishment of children be prohibited by law, I am the more persuaded of my view.

The arguments in favour, or some of them, sound mild enough. As I caught some of *Kilroy* yesterday, which programme addressed the subject, I marvelled at the sweet, serene, smiling reasonableness of those who were in favour of "judicious" hitting. We're just talking about smacking, not *hitting*, they cooed: just a tap, when it's needed. When it's appropriate. Anne Davis, the childminder who was sacked, and then famously, reinstated, for smacking a child in her charge stressed the need for physical punishment for discipline. It was, she said, especially useful when a child was too young to understand reason. An 18-month-old baby, in her opinion, is the perfect smackable age.

Shocked, virtually, into silence by that, I move on. Those of you who feel that hitting an 18-month-old baby is a reasonable act of a responsible person I cannot hope to appeal to. But I think that believing that it could be justifiable points up what is inherently *wrong about the pro-hitters.* Hitting, all of them are happy to admit, is about showing who's boss. In other words, it's about power, not justice. It certainly isn't about welfare, however much people insist that hitting a child is for its own good.

I am not easy with the idea that smacking a child should be made illegal, if only because I think we have to be wary about the state's making incursions into the privacy of the hearth. But we have ideas about what is and what is not appropriate behaviour in society, and we enshrine those ideas in law. If it's wrong to hit an adult who annoys us, why is it all right to administer the same punishment to a child? Surely children must, no less, have rights?

But it's about discipline you see. Children need discipline. I'd agree with this. Though surely hitting and discipline are two separate issues? And apart from anything else, it seems embarrassingly transparent that any parent who needs to resort regularly to physical punishment as a way of disciplining a child has problems. The first problem, and the one that needs concern us here, is that hitting is obviously not working, or the need for it would have ceased.

LET us stay with the discipline issue. For there is one: the discipline of the parent. Let's be frank: most hitting is done out of anger, in hot blood, in frustration and in fury. The parent who hits a child is momentarily out of control — and, what's more, fears the child is in control. We can all lose our temper, surely that's understandable. But I'm troubled: because to understand is not necessarily to forgive, or if it is, maybe it shouldn't be.

The other day, sitting in a bus, I saw a young mother, laden with supermarket shopping and two children under five. The children were squealing and squabbling and generally adding to their mother's exhaustion and she lashed out at them. The little boy cried. The noise irritated her and she hit him again, warning him that next time "she'd give him something to really cry about".

I wanted to, but didn't say anything to her. I knew it would have made things worse. But I did feel that by silently witnessing it, I was somehow guilty of aiding and abetting. Her behaviour was not criminal in the strict application of the word, but there is surely a natural law that deems it to be. Maybe we should take our lead from that.

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The great, unholy vicarage sale

Making vicars live in red-brick semis destroys the old-established fabric of village life, **Peter Millar** writes

Every village in Britain knows the syndrome summed up by the pokerwork signs along the main street: "The Olde Sweet Shoppe", "The old bakery" and "The olde blacksmith's".

My sprawling but still pretty north Oxfordshire village boasts all the above, plus an "old police house", as well as the old butcher's, bank, fishmonger's and draper's. The point is that the word "old" — however tweely spelt — refers in each case not to the age of the premises but to the fact that it has lost its function: another casualty of the attrition of village life. Now a pressure group has sprung up to prevent the growth of another, already increasingly common instance, "the old rectory". Take the rector out of the rectory, according to the newly-founded Save Our Parsonages Society (SOPS), and you take the soul out of the parish.

In the past decade, nearly 1,300 parsonages, most situated close to the local church and with long historical links to it, have been sold off. The incumbent vicars have, in most cases, been rehoused in newer buildings, from terrace houses to urban semis, that may more closely resemble the homes of their parishioners but no longer say: "The vicar lives here." The result is that a growing number of Church of England parish priests find themselves in the unenviable situation dramatised in Joanna Trollope's *The Rector's Wife*: envying the yuppies luxuriating in the old parsonage next door.

The Rev John Hawthorne who, as vicar of Tetbury, Gloucestershire, counts the Prince of Wales among his parishioners, is one of the lucky ones. When he moved in to his rambling rectory — "the older part is medieval, the new bit was added on in 1771" — the diocesan clerk had plans to divide it up and sell part off. "We said: 'We want it all, please'." — not an unreasonable request from a man with seven children. "The clerk said something would have to be done eventually, but the archdeacon, Eric Evans, said: 'eventually, my boy, can be a very long time.'"



Channel 4's *The Rector's Wife*: mirroring reality

The system does not always work so well, however. Administering church property in a diocese mainly falls to the lot of the archdeacon, but each diocese also has its "houses committee". SOPS accuses the church authorities of "asset-stripping". Old vicarages routinely fetch well in excess of £150,000 on the open market and exceptional specimens have netted £500,000.

But confusion can be the result, not to mention dissatisfaction among the clergy for whom the right to live in an atmospheric, spacious and characterful home can be a major element of what professional asset-strippers would term "an otherwise unattractive remuneration package". According to Mr Hawthorne, a former incumbent in nearby Cirencester agreed to sell off the old property and move into a modern house. His successor, however, was unhappy with the property but found that the former vicarage was now out of the parish's price range.

Every change, however, incurs costs. The fact is that newly appointed priests feel less obliged to remain in a modern house than in an old vicarage which has been in the parish for generations. If the wife dislikes it, they opt to move and the old idea of there being "a parsonage" evaporates in the mind of the community. In our village, the Old Rectory (somehow the capitals seem to come with the loss of status) is a fine neo-classical, late Georgian building a stone's throw from the 15th-century church. Today, it is known primarily for late-night parties and the two BMWs parked outside. The vicar, meanwhile, lives in a nondescript, redbrick house on an unlovely modern estate on the edge of the village.

Left-wing elements in the church feel that the old-style vicarage was a social barrier, and having the priest live in the midst of his flock keeps him better in touch. Mr Hawthorne, for one, would disagree: "I think it is in fact more classless in a funny way than if we lived in some four-bedroom executive home." That is certainly a sentiment shared by many country church-goers who expect the vicar to live in a property that is, to use estate agent jargon, "representational", and also large enough to hold coffee mornings and parish meetings.

But then those are also the sort of old-fashioned parishioners who do not appreciate the Sunday morning sermon from the pulpit turning into a Labour Party lecture. The Church of England is used to being caricatured as a genteel but slightly down-at-heel social institution more renowned for its tea parties than its crusading evangelism. The selling-off of its heritage, however, threatens to turn it into a well-off minority sect with socialist leanings. No doubt the cucumber sandwiches will go next.

The elderly can and do die of hypothermia in cold but comfortable houses as well as in the cities of cardboard, writes **Dr Thomas Stuttaford**

Hypothermia is no respecter of class

PREWAR boarding schools with their dormitory windows opened a mandatory eight inches — wide enough to admit driven snow as well as freezing winds — helped to fashion the attitude of generations of empire-builders to the cold. These Twenties or Thirties children, whose time at home was in all probability not much drier or warmer than when they were at school, are now pensioners who 60 or 70 years on have retained their contempt for closed bedroom windows, 24-hour central heating or even wrapping up warmly against the cold.

This disdain for comfort of many old people leaves them vulnerable to hypothermia, which can develop insidiously. Hypothermia is diagnosed when the body temperature falls below 35C; it results in poor physical co-ordination, a stumbling gait, mental confusion and eventually loss of consciousness and fatal cardiac arrhythmias.

Dr Kenneth Collins, a senior clinical lecturer at the Middlesex Hospital, London, who is an expert on hypothermia, has recently reviewed his speciality in *The Practitioner* magazine. Dr Collins stresses that older people have a diminished ability to shiver, a lower metabolic rate, and that the superficial blood vessels fail to constrict. They also suffer, he says, from "a blunted temperature perception, and a generally unresponsive attitude to the threat of cold". Elderly people, however active, can also become confused when exposed to the cold, particularly if they are suffering or recovering from an infection. They can then fail to take commonsense precautions against the weather or if indoors refuse to admit that their surroundings are too chilly.



In general, outdoor clothes should be worn with greatcoats coming well below the knee and, however unfashionable, hats and scarves should be worn. Indoors, bedroom windows should be kept closed, heating on at night and draughts excluded.

Recent changes in legislation have removed the fear of a spouse being left near destitute because of inheritance tax, but just when the tax collector has shown some humanity, the social services' policy of charging the physically enfeebled hotel rates for residential care threatens to strip their savings bare. As a result, the dread of poverty has been intensified and some struggle on at home, alone, when they would be safer in residential accommodation.

Hypothermia is no respecter of background. People can and do die of hypothermia in cold but well appointed houses as well as in cardboard city. But not withstanding this, the most vulnerable are the over-75s who are on supplementary benefits and who are living alone. The risk is further increased if they are suffering from any chronic illness, infection or affected by malnutrition, drug dependency or excessive alcohol intake.

Accidental hypothermia regularly takes its toll. These victims may be at the peak of their physical fitness, and the causes of their plight are a separate problem; but whatever the cause, any patient who has a rectal temperature below 34C should always be referred to hospital.

The recent blizzards in Scotland and the North should not encourage the idea that it only affects the stranded traveller or the mountaineer. For as Dr Collins writes: "There are many cases of elderly people being found with hypothermia in no more a hostile environment than in their own beds or in their own homes."

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Will a pill a day keep clots at bay?

Does aspirin's anti-platelet properties mean we should all be taking it?

Dr Trisha Greenhalgh reports

"Take two aspirin and call me in the morning" has been the catch phrase of the busy general practitioner for almost a century. Traditionally used to calm a fever, aspirin now has far wider benefits, and thousands owe their lives to its blood-thinning properties. Enthusiastic media coverage of recent research trials has given some people the impression that an aspirin a day will bring zest and longevity to any who take it. The story is not quite so simple.

The abilities of certain plant products to bring down a temperature (antipyretic action) and relieve pain (analgesic action) were first associated with cinchona bark (which contains quinine) in the Middle Ages, and later with willow bark. Salicylate, the active ingredient of willow bark, was isolated in 1829 and first given medicinally (as the precursor of aspirin) in 1899, when a third — anti-inflammatory or anti-rheumatic — action quickly became apparent.

It is now known that, in addition to these three actions, aspirin blocks a very specific biochemical reaction inside the blood platelets (tiny fragments of red blood cells essential for the formation of clots), making them less sticky and less likely to sludge up in small or damaged blood vessels. This fourth property of aspirin — its anti-platelet action — is almost unique, making it one of the most irreplaceable drugs of all time.

We tend to think of a blood clot as solid and static, but in reality the platelets and clotting proteins in the blood are continually forming and un-forming microscopic clots. Like most biological processes, this dynamic equilibrium can be shifted in either direction by adding or subtracting clotting proteins or by making platelets more or less sticky.

The central defect in most heart attacks is a clot (thrombus) in one of the coronary arteries — hence "coronary thrombosis", the medical term for a heart attack. Clotbuster drugs such as streptokinase, given in the emergency treatment of heart attacks, work by unravelling the matrix of a clot into the soluble protein fibrin, thus — if the treatment is given early enough — unblocking a vital coronary artery. Aspirin, when given during a heart attack, prevents the clot from spreading and reduces the risk of death, which is why aspirin should now be carried in every doctor's emergency bag.

It would, of course, be better to prevent thrombus forming in the coronary arteries in the first place. If you are at high risk of a coronary thrombosis — for example, if you suffer from angina, have had a heart attack, or have been shown to have narrowed coronary arteries in a special X-ray called a coronary angiogram — there is no doubt that taking aspirin regularly will reduce your risk of both fatal and non-fatal heart attack. Aspirin's anti-platelet action is achieved at a lower dose than its other actions, which is why "baby aspirin" is said to help heart-disease sufferers to live longer.

Since most heart attacks occur in people who are not aware of being at high risk of thrombosis, perhaps we should all be taking baby aspirin just in case? The answer would appear to be no. The downside of a reduced tendency to clot is an increased tendency to bleed. Many people cannot take aspirin at all because of tiny bleeds on the surface of the stomach. In those with a pre-existing ulcer, aspirin can cause a major gastro-intestinal haemorrhage. Bleeding into other internal organs is also a risk, and many asthma sufferers are allergic to aspirin.

The influence of low-dose aspirin on the risk of stroke is complex. About two-thirds of strokes are caused by a similar mechanism to coronary thrombosis — a clot in an essential, and often narrowed, blood vessel. But the other third are caused by bleeding from a weak or abnormal vessel.

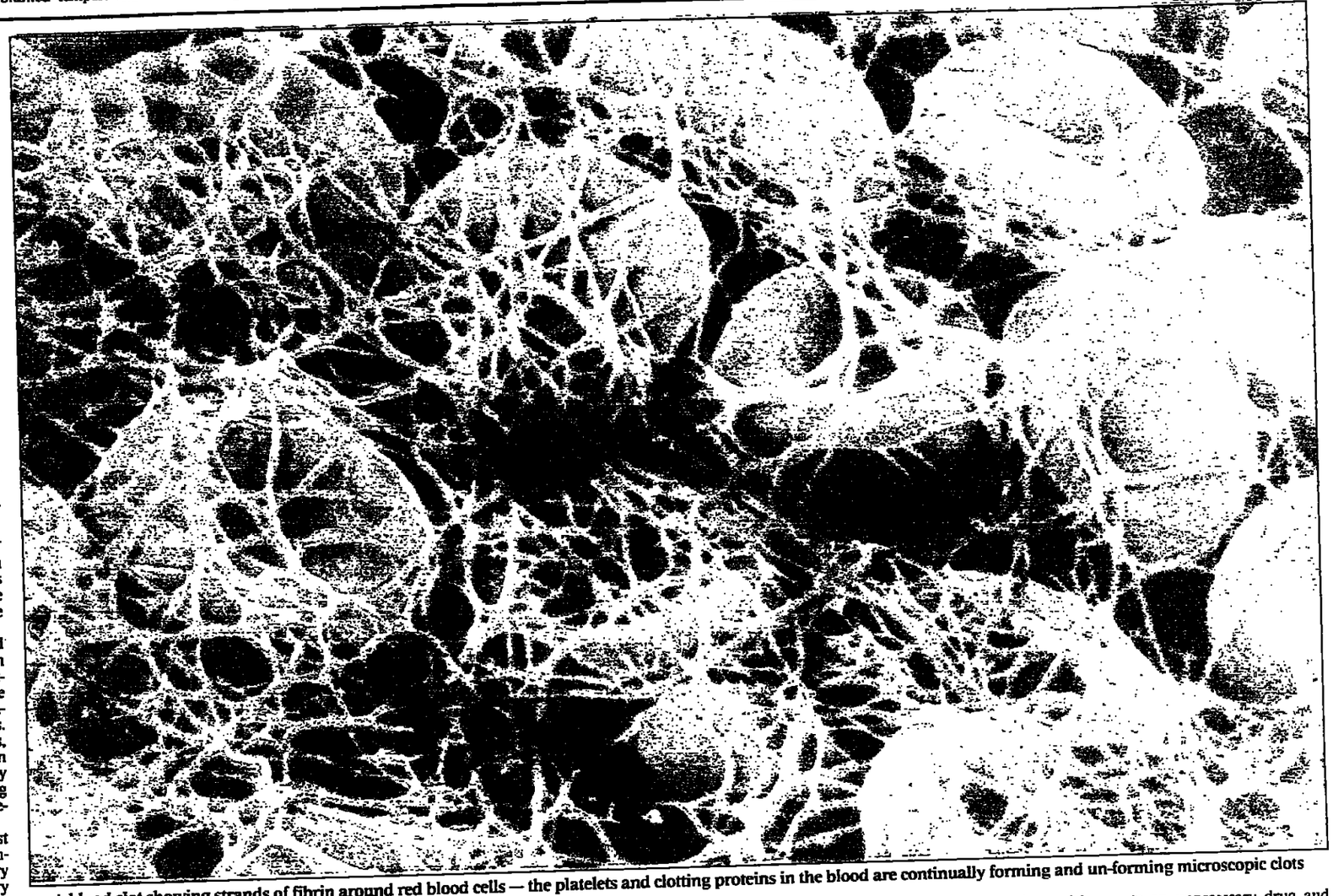
As you might expect, aspirin decreases the risk of the first type (thrombotic stroke) but increases the risk of the second (haemorrhagic stroke). Since haemorrhagic strokes are more likely to be fatal, aspirin, on average, causes more stroke deaths than it prevents.

The widely quoted US Doctors' Aspirin Trial, in which 22,000 healthy doctors took either an aspirin or a placebo tablet a day, showed a 44 per cent reduction in the risk of heart attack in aspirin takers over the next five years. However, it was estimated that one haemorrhagic stroke was created for every seven non-fatal heart attacks prevented. Although the American study suggested a small overall benefit from aspirin, a similar study in British doctors showed no difference in mortality between aspirin and placebo groups. The American trial continues, and three-quarters of the participants allocated to placebo have requested that their calendar packs be changed to aspirin — suggesting that the average doctor, rightly or wrongly, anticipates significant long-term benefit from the drug.

Recent research has shown that most women who develop high blood pressure in pregnancy (pre-eclampsia) do so in response to a microscopic clotting process occurring in the blood vessels of the placenta. Women at high risk of pre-eclampsia can halve their risk of this complication by taking low-dose aspirins from the start of their pregnancy. Giving aspirin to every pregnant woman, however, would expose large numbers of foetuses to an unnecessary drug and their mothers to a small but definite risk of internal bleeding.

Patients' familiarity with aspirin has traditionally bred contempt, but the dramatic benefits of anti-platelet therapy in patients at increased risk of heart attack and pre-eclampsia have unexpectedly propelled this drug into the pharmacological superleague. But no drug is a panacea, and the growing fashion for perfectly healthy people to join the one-aspirin-a-day habit is unjustified and probably unwise.

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A blood clot showing strands of fibrin around red blood cells — the platelets and clotting proteins in the blood are continually forming and un-forming microscopic clots

When suspicion turns true love sour

Jealous? Then you're emotionally insecure, a new survey suggests

Love and sex have been extensively studied by scientists but jealousy has remained strangely neglected. It inspires widely differing responses, ranging from those who regard it as a sign of commitment to those who see it only as destructive.

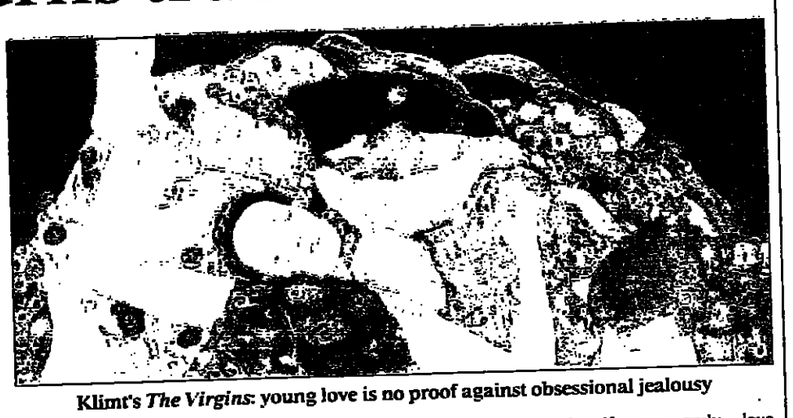
Negative emotions are harder to examine because people are less honest about them. However, researchers have begun to lift the lid on an emotion that has wracked lovers throughout history.

Jealousy is the enemy, not the friend, of romance. The emotion Freud described as the "narcissistic wound" is more often a mark of fear than of ardour and those in its grip tend to be insecure, lacking friends and with a low opinion of themselves

Findings from the first study of sexual jealousy in the community dispel the myth that a jealous nature goes hand in hand with a romantic one. They suggest that people prone to jealousy may have more difficulty establishing and maintaining relationships than those with a more relaxed attitude to flirtation.

In extreme cases jealousy becomes obsessive. Seven per cent of women but only one per cent of men admitted searching pockets and bags for incriminating evidence. Some opened mail or secretly followed their partners when they went out. One man and six women admitted examining their partners' clothes for signs of "illicit sexual contact".

Few admitted resorting to violence. Barely a dozen said they had threatened or struck their partner and half as many reported threatening their rival.



Klimt's *The Virgins*: young love is no proof against obsessional jealousy

Men and women are equally prone to jealousy but experience it differently. Women with high self-esteem almost never feel jealous, especially if they have a strong network of friends and do not invest all their emotional needs in their main relationship. Men appear less jealous only because they are better at hiding it.

Although both sexes fear being deserted, the fear is more marked among men. They tend to respond, perversely, by ignoring the problem, staying late in the pub and behaving in ways that seem designed to encourage their partners to leave.

Women faced with their partner's infidelity, or the prospect of it, are less likely to worry about being deserted and more likely to worry about losing closeness, intimacy and trust within the relationship. They respond, according to the researchers, with the politically incorrect device of "trying to make themselves more attractive and interesting to their erring partner". The study, conducted in New Zealand, is based on responses to a 12-page questionnaire sent to 600 randomly selected people, of whom 350 returned them.

> 'Some secretly followed their partners'

The researchers admit that using a questionnaire "does not guarantee frankness" about an emotion which is "private and isolating and may be hidden out of shame and embarrassment". Nevertheless, the results, published in the *British Journal of Psychiatry*, show that almost half believe jealousy is "inevitable if you truly love someone".

Nearly two thirds said they felt jealous when their partner showed interest in someone else but fewer than one in ten admitted to their own jealousy causing problems in the relationship. Both men and women were more likely to blame their partner's jealousy for creating problems, even when they rated themselves as more jealous. Surprisingly, few said that the experience made them more aware of their partners' sexual attractiveness.

Jealousy in men is said to derive from a biological imperative to ensure paternity by maintaining sexual exclusivity. In women it is said to reflect the need for a stable environment for child-rearing. However, the study found no evidence to support either thesis. Biological imperatives appear to have outlived their usefulness.

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Securing the nation state

Malcolm Rifkind urges the European Union to start looking outwards

A decade ago, European security issues were relatively straightforward. Now they are much more complex, and international relations are perhaps more like those of the 19th century than of the exceptional period of the Cold War. But the collapse of communism amounts to one of the defining moments of history, akin to the French Revolution, the Russian Revolution of 1917, and the defeat of Hitler.

In the past, the ending of great wars brought either a reckoning or an opportunity. We have to reject the attitude that gave us the Treaty of Versailles, which lasted less than 20 years. The opportunity we should seize is exemplified by the Congress of Vienna, 180 years ago, which ushered in a century of relative stability in Europe. Of course, we do not have the luxury of agreeing a settlement of Europe, as Castlereagh, Metternich and others did. But we may, if we are imaginative and bold, be able to lay the foundations for the future security of Europe.

There is certainly pressure towards integration in Europe, to reap maximum benefit from international co-operation and the removal of barriers. There is no shortage of problems that cross national boundaries: drugs, organised crime, terrorism and pollution.

> Europe has reverted to its usual state: a family of nations

At the same time, we face pressure in the opposite direction. I am referring to the growth of regionalism. Neither Belgium nor Britain is a stranger to this. The pressures we in Britain see today from Scottish and Welsh nationalism is matched elsewhere in Western Europe: by the Catalans and Basques in Spain, and the Northern League in Italy. One of the great challenges of the remainder of this century and of the next will be to respond to the wish to preserve cultural and national identities without fragmentation and instability.

It may be tempting to view this resurgence of regional, national and ethnic tensions since the end of the Cold War as a challenge without precedent in history: but the reality is different: it was the Cold War that was the aberration. The division of Europe into two ideological camps with an Iron Curtain down the middle and with massive military might on both sides has been the exception, not the rule, in European history. The nearest historical precedent was the splitting of Europe between Catholic and Protestant states after the Reformation. But even this was patchy, informal and open in comparison. Europe has reverted to its more normal historical state, as a family of nations, but one which emphasises the cultural, linguistic and political diversity which is the norm.

But what should be the contribution of the European Union to the security of the new Europe? Nato has protected Western Europe from the threat of war on the one hand, while it has been the fundamental achievement of the European Union that it has made war between them inconceivable on the other. Our common experience of European conflict twice this century is a reminder that we cannot return to the kind of politics we saw in Europe before 1939.

The EU is entering a new and crucial stage of its development, and one with which the peoples of Europe must be able to feel comfortable. The new phase must combine expansion with adaptation: it must also mark a decisive shift in the orientation of the Union towards a more outward-looking stance in the world.

Expansion will be welcome as a step to making the Union more truly European. We look forward to eastward enlargement, but we must recognise that there is a need for substantial internal change to accompany this. It is hard to see, for example, how the common agricultural policy can survive in its present form and remain affordable to all.

Nor is the new Europe going to be built on the federalist ambitions of the 1950s and 1960s. The time for that kind of ideological debate has passed. So I welcome the remarks by the French Prime Minister, Edouard Balladur, when he reminded us of the sheer diversity of the European family, questioned whether Europe must evolve towards a federal system and asked us to leave "ancient quarrels" to one side. We now need to build effective mechanisms for co-operation between states.

Some may speculate that the nation-state is being left behind, but I am convinced that this is not the case. There are certainly pressures towards transnational action and towards regionalism, but the modern liberal state remains the fundamental basis for establishing and maintaining democracy and the rule of law in a way that is meaningful to individuals and consistent with their sense of identity. I do not see how we can construct the international order we want on any other basis.

The nation-state remains the fundamental entity for co-operation in the field of defence. Defence co-operation has, of course, been a notable feature of post-war Europe. Through Nato and the new multinational force structures, Britain intends to deepen co-operation in the defence field. But the defence of its citizens is the most fundamental responsibility of a national government. We may choose to exercise our responsibilities in coalition with partners, but it is a national government's duty to answer to national parliaments if troops' lives may be at risk.

Defence and security should be based on co-operation between nation-states, not dictated by supranational bodies. This will be an unshakeable conviction, on which future British policy will be based.

This is an extract from a speech given yesterday at Chatham House by the Secretary of State for Defence.

Woodrow Wyatt says that as Tony Blair leaves calm waters, steering will become treacherous

Underneath it's still the old Labour Party

Tony Blair's instincts are right. To have a real chance of victory, he must suppress, remove or hide Labour's cloven foot. Cloven-footed goats were considered unclean by Rabbinical writers, hence their choice of symbol for the Prince of unclean spirits, the Devil. Labour's lurking devil, frightening many, is 19th-century Marxist socialism. Belief in nationalisation remains strong. So does love of state regulation and envy of the successful rich: they are to be brought into egalitarian line by higher taxation and curbing of their ability to get quicker hospital attention and access to better education than the State provides.

The intention of Clause Four is cloven-footed. Mr Blair could have left it dormant and forgotten. Instead he has taken the brave risk of highlighting it at Labour's special April conference. If he succeeds in watering it down to innocuous waffle about social justice, opinions of his leadership qualities will rise. If he fails, he will get marks for trying, giving the impression that as PM he would not be influenced by the old shibboleths. Even now he is not committed to renationalising British Rail, but to soothe his followers he displays ambiguity. In the Commons he concentrates on the popular dislike of rail privatisation and the horrors of being unable to buy one ticket to travel to all destinations. Yet he must know that private operators, to maximise sales, will offer the same or better ticket-buying facilities.

Blair has four main advantages: dislike of sleaze; the illusion of a new Labour Party as capitalist as the Tories; discontent among erstwhile Tory voters bolstering the cry of time for a change; and his projection of himself as the idealistic, smiling young curate with indisputable charm for lady voters.

John Major's appointment of Lord Nolan's Committee will fairly soon neutralise the sleaze issue. However foolish a few greedy Tory MPs are, it is improbable they will be embroiled in unsavoury financial connections for a long while. Anyway, the newly cynical public thinks all parties equally venal.

A perception of Labour as lookalike Tories has disadvantages as well as advantages. If it were true, why not have the genuine article? Mr Blair fuels suspicion of the concept in various ways. For instance, his recent speech at a dinner in honour of Stanley Matthews dwelt on iniquity of pay and transfer fees in the millions for talented footballers. This signalled an intent to limit the amounts British clubs can pay for home or foreign players, contrary to free enterprise. Similarly, his proposed laws against apparently excessive payments to executives would inevitably lead to a statutory incomes policy starting at the top and working down, with the State trying to fix appropriate salaries, in the place of shareholders and directors. We see numerous glimpses of the cloven feet. Mr Major criticises manifestly over-the-top salaries, but wisely does not want the State involved with them unless the enterprises are state-owned.

The so-called "feel-good" factor missed by once staunch Tories is largely due to the changed status of home ownership. Repossessions and negative equity remain common. Cuts in mortgage interest relief and higher interest rates seem treacherous own-goals to those encouraged by the Tories to be home-owners. Blair could score heavily if he were to pledge an extension of mortgage interest relief, and if he wins, the general expectation of the customary Labour-driven inflation would cheer house-owners no end, bursting with prospects of higher house prices.

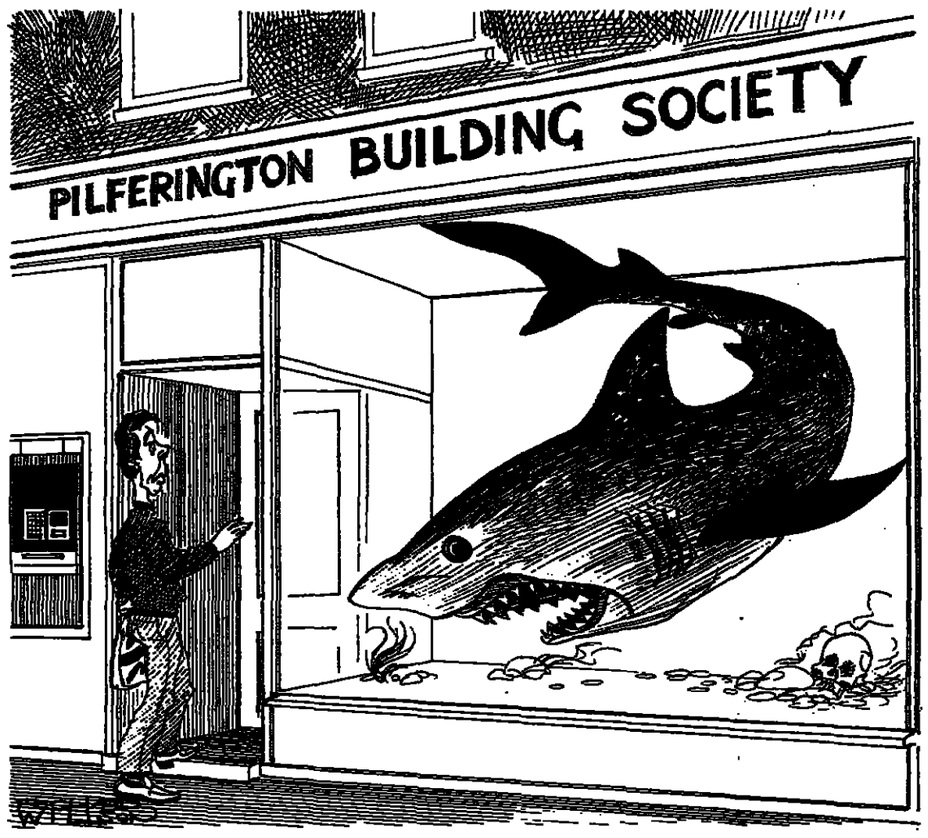
Only aficionados of politics study the relative merits of Cabinet and Shadow Cabinet ministers. The rest assume all to be much of a muchness. John Major is making substantial headway in the Commons and elsewhere, demonstrating a calibre superior to Blair's. He gains from a reaction against the depiction in much of the media of him as a weakling. Voters plumped for or against Mrs Thatcher and the then current Labour leaders, and they will choose between Major and Blair next time. The public increasingly equates a PM with an American president.

The new-broom image will be hard to sustain when Blair is forced more to furnish his policies with details, or fails to do so. He is also now leaving the calm waters of party unity, with oars starting to clash as choppy waters in front of the winning post begin to be discerned. Mr Major's crew is more or less in unison in its distaste for Brussels' encroachments, and is determined to reverse them, although a few out-of-touch Tories like Geoffrey Howe dissent. Blair's crew is powered by the official policy of the majority to bow to Brussels, its single currency, its social chapter, its federal ambitions and the not-so-gradual extinction of our parliamentary sovereignty. As Mr Major has the dominant mood of the country precisely right, this issue will sink Mr Blair. Last-minute attempts to steer in a different direction will not inspire confidence with the public.

Mr Blair's creation of a new Labour Party is far from complete. If he survives, he could be better placed at the next but one election.

Time to cashier the banks?

Are you assured that you won't be charged for your current account? Don't be too certain



Bernard Levin

Once again, I turn in wonder, hilarity, sorrow and amazement to my hero, Tony Hetherington. Tony is a financial wizard, and when it comes to money it is clear that he knows absolutely everything about it. For many years, he regularly wrote in *The Sunday Times* (he eloped to the *Mail on Sunday* last year) and among his vast variety of financial wizardries was and is the exposing of financial crooks and swindlers.

Now I could never, and *can* never, fathom the people who, without any kind of financial knowledge, and knowing that they had no financial knowledge, would throw money to the sharks and stand bewildered when the shark's teeth closed upon them. I only have to say the word "timeshare" for instance, and there will come running a huge crowd of disappointed and swindled innocents who couldn't see the difference between a shark and a goldfish.

Here is one of Tony's ripest clients:

> Could you spare a little time to look into my problem? In 1987 I invested £1,000 in GSS Venture Capital, a Florida company which was developing a patch to stick on food in supermarkets. The patch would change colour depending on the state of the food and would replace the sell-by date. The shares were marketed by a Madrid broking firm called Dateline. I have had no dividends and have written unsuccessfully several times to find out if my shares are worth anything.

No, friend, your shares are not worth anything. But then, they weren't worth anything in the first place. Coloured patches in supermarkets in Florida . . . marketing firms in Madrid . . . Dateline . . . Surely Tony shook his head sorrowfully, as well as in amazement, when he told the seeker for enlightenment that

> If you do not want to be depressed, do not read the next few paragraphs, which reveal that you are a victim of one of the biggest share frauds of modern times . . . The broking firm you dealt with was actually called Timezone. Dateline was the name of its newsletter. Timezone was indeed based in Madrid, but it was part of crooked network of brokers which included FMS Financial Management Services in London, Prudentrust in Lugano, Keuler Investments in Geneva, First Gibraltar Financial in Marbella, and other firms as far away as Dubai, Hong Kong and the Pacific.

And nobody smelt a rat. If I were a harsher man I would say not only that every stolen penny was stolen because of your own monumental gullibility, but also that before the year is out you will have been taken to the cleaners again by a gang no less obviously criminal than Dateline, and you will be moaning to Tony Hetherington that life is unfair, which it is. But as I am not a harsher man, I will say only that you ought to know better. (I have repeatedly implored Tony to write a book on the *bêtises* of those wanting to be fleeced, though that would be hilarious enough, but a serious study of those who beg to throw good money after bad, and frequently come back to throw more.)

On which delightful note I pause, and change the subject — though some, more cynical than I, would claim to see no difference in what follows and a pack of thieving scoundrels. Yes, dear readers, Levin has come back to the banks. Again.

The last occasion ended in a rather extraordinary promise — a promise that the banks entered into almost in a day-dream. Each of them publicly (and, we must assume) in their right minds, promised not to be the first of the Big Four to mulct current accounts which are, and stay in, credit. Nor was this some off-the-cuff promise made by a junior figure with no authorisation: it was the bosses, and the bosses alone, who made the promise. Indeed, I know the names of all the four and what they said.

> Mr Andrew Buxton, chairman of Barclays Bank, said publicly that his bank will not be the first to take the current-account plunge. Mr Christopher Wathen, who was managing director of branch banking at Midland, said plainly that Midland will not move first on the charges. Mr Derek Wanless, the chief executive of NatWest, insists that his bank has no current plan to be first: Mr Brian Pitman, Lloyds chief executive, says Lloyds will not be the first or even second.

Yet you and I know perfectly well that all four of those promises are going to be broken, the only question among them being "whose turn is it?", for I presume that someone must have kept the minutes of the previous carve-up. (Could we, just this time, spare the funny bit where they say that they are never in cahoots?) And it wouldn't be so bad if they were efficient, truthful, quick, helpful, accommodating, or even one of those qualities. And if they say oh, this is only Levin again, and we know that we have to go through the Levin ritual, then they are in for something of a shock. Because it is not only Levin this time, as that indispensable document *Which?* reveals.

The banks and the building societies — both are in it up to their necks — have invented a most ingenious scam. It is not, of course, against the law — nothing I say in this diatribe even suggests criminal action, and indeed I am discussing the high street banks and leading building societies, which would in itself put paid to any suspicion of illegality.

Ah — but there is plenty of room to accommodate a pack of slippery bastards, even if they are well on the right side of the law. Their latest scam is the two-track account: this is it how it works. (See *Which?*)

> An obsolete account is one that is closed to new customers but still open to existing account-holders . . . The difference . . . can be significant . . . Savers in Woolwich's obsolete Share Account . . . could be over five times better off by switching to its Prime Gold Account . . . The Leeds Building Society, which has scrapped its obsolete accounts and transferred customers to live accounts, says that 20 million savers [elsewhere] are losing a total of about £800 million interest each year . . . existing customers may be unaware of new accounts and that they would earn more interest by switching to them . . . Following angry protests from savers at an annual general meeting, Nationwide agreed [about time too — B.L.] to publish interest rates on obsolete accounts along with those for live accounts . . .

No wonder the banking ombudsman last year had to deal directly with nearly 9,000 complaints, and with many more over the telephone. And no wonder that *Which?* has dolefully to record that there has been no significant improvement in the quality of banking since their previous examination. For instance "nearly one in five were dissatisfied with the way mistakes on their account were handled, one in six had problems with a direct debit or standing order, one in eight people were charged incorrectly by their bank or building society". A thought: is there ever, has there ever been, is there any chance that there ever might be in the future a mistake in the banking and building society system on the side of the customer? Oh, well; it was only a thought.

But I mustn't be flippant, if only because Mr Martin Taylor of Barclays (pay, emoluments and benefits £737,500 or thereabouts) may then take it into his head to make another of his jokes — his previous one ran something like this: "Well, we must remember that we need to make a profit."

But how about this one? It comes from *The Sunday Times* — indeed, it comes from Tony Hetherington's successor, Roger Anderson.

> My spinster aunt, aged 95 . . . gave me power of attorney . . . I found that she had more than £22,000 invested with four building societies . . . but in every case the interest rate was derisory . . . the building societies . . . were obviously happpy to capitalise on her lack of awareness . . . Her largest account was the Alliance & Leicester . . . paying 0.19% net . . . Bradford & Bingley (0.45%) . . . Halifax (0.75%) . . . Nationwide (0.38%) . . .

And the nephew of this cheated old lady adds: ". . . there is no evidence that any of the building societies had ever thought it necessary to contact my aunt and help her invest in higher-yielding accounts . . . (One only did: National & Provincial)."

Self-regulation among the banks has been tried a thousand times and in a thousand ways, and it *always* comes out against the customers. I, of all people, detest interference from the State in these matters, but there is no other way to make the banks and societies even half house-trained.

And now we are told that soon the banks (you know, them with £10 billion to croon over) are going to demand payment on current accounts which remain in credit. You think they wouldn't dare? For *money?*

One of the gang

THOSE WHO wonder where Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber finds inspiration for his musicals may need to look no further than one of the biggest names in the rock business. Sir Andrew is a committed Gary Glitter fan.



Glitter: ever the superstar

The composer's most recent brush with the king of Glam Rock came in December, when he went to see Glitter in concert. "We went to the concert at Wembley before Christmas and had a very good time," Sir Andrew said. "I like to go to concerts like that from time to time. I think it is very important to enjoy the fun side of pop music."

He did not avail himself of the opportunity to meet Glitter backstage, but he was spotted, according to Glitter's agent, Jef Hanlon: "We saw him at the concert and he was really rocking." Hanlon added that Sir Andrew's association with Glitter went back some time because the rock star was a bit-part singer on the 1970 recording of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. "Several of the smaller parts were actually sung by Gary," he said.

Sadly, Glitter was unavailable for comment yesterday, but Sir Andrew was enthusing about him at the London launch of his new sideline — a racing boardgame called *And They're Off* devised by racehorse trainer Charlie Brooks. The composer said he had always been interested in board games and had in the past invented two of his own — one about Lloyd's of London called "Calamity" and another about patients escaping from a lunatic asylum called "Insanity".

Pastors new

YORKSHIRE clergymen are swapping dog-collars for flat caps and wellies to go on a crash course in farming designed to introduce suburban vicars to rural life. The pilot project, designed by the Rev Toddy Hoare, a Thirsk vicar and honorary chaplain to the Yorkshire Agricultural Society, requires clergy to spend one day and two nights working on farms.

Mr Hoare developed the idea in response to criticism that many young priests from theological colleges have rarely set foot off Tarmac before arriving in a rural parish. "The idea is to get them into wellies and to take part in farm life. If that means getting up at 5am and helping with the milking, or mucking pigs out, so be it."

● *Celebrating his 65th birthday with a meal for friends at his Norfolk stately home this weekend was Bernard Matthews. Champagne and caviare were followed by fine red wine and hunks of venison. But not a morsel of turkey in sight.*

THE TIMES DIARY

Royal appeal

THE ARREST last week of Prince Michael of Kent's private secretary, John Kennedy, over blackmail allegations was followed by a statement from Kensington Palace that the matter had been "entirely entrusted to Mr Kennedy's legal representatives".

I understand that the legal representative in question is none other than Desmond de Silva, QC, who has been retained by Kennedy's solicitors. De Silva is accustomed to royal affairs: he is married to a Yugoslavian princess.

● *Has Baroness Thatcher finally lost her iron grip on the hearts and minds of the Tory faithful? Her weighty volume of memoirs,* The Downing Street Years, *came bottom of the Christmas sales league at Conservative Central Office for books by or about MPs. Top of the list was Alan Clark's* Diaries.

Zoo story

A FIVE-FOOT fibreglass head of a *Tyrannosaurus rex* is to grace the Speaker's office on Capitol Hill. The pugnacious incumbent, Newt Gingrich — apparently a keen zoologist — is said to have paid some $5,000 to the Smithsonian Institution's natural history department in Washington to make the prehistoric monster.

"It is my understanding that the Speaker intends to put the head above the mantelpiece in his office," says Smithsonian spokesman Randall Kramer. "It's to remind himself that even the mightiest beasts may one day become extinct."



Friendly face

THE COMELY features of Sandra Howard, wife of the Home Secretary, have popped up on a brochure advertising insurance products currently doing the rounds.

She is depicted as a smiling housewife alongside a gushing endorsement of Direct Line Insurance, which is attributed to one Mrs Pursey from Southampton. The brochure, however, explains that models have been used to maintain the privacy of policyholders.

Sandra Howard was, of course, a supermodel of the 1960s, and she has dallied with the business ever since. But Direct Line claims to have had no idea that it was featuring the Home Secretary's wife: "We got our pictures from a photo library, and we were just looking for someone who represented our image. She looks nice and normal."



Sandra Howard: homely

● *Peter Bottomley, the Conservative member for Eltham, was in Cambridge yesterday addressing the university Labour Club. Hardly surprising, says a member of the university's Conservative Association. "Last time we invited him, he wore suede shoes with his dinner jacket and kept telling people to put their cigarettes out. We've no plans to ask him again."*

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TODAY AND YESTERDAY

Major has a European policy and should stick to it

Douglas Hurd assures the country that he is not "yesterday's man". He is "today's man", he says, and has "many tomorrows" in his job of Foreign Secretary. Perhaps he protests too much. Perhaps he means what he says. Whatever the precise truth of his words, however, they have brought much cheer to his supporters, particularly those who can less easily deny the "yesterday's man" tag for themselves.

For Sir Edward Heath (Prime Minister 1970-74) Mr Hurd's continuance in office is a touchstone of Tory commitment to the ideals that they both espoused in Downing Street long ago. For Lord Howe (Foreign Secretary 1983-89), Mr Hurd represents the hope of avoiding a "national tragedy of huge proportions" if the French and the Germans are allowed to unite their countries without uniting Britain to them too. For Tim Renton (Chief Whip 1989-90) Mr Hurd is a a vital bulwark against European "flat-earthers" like Michael Portillo who, to Mr Renton's palpable regret, exercise a great and growing influence over the Cabinet of today.

Mr Portillo and those like-minded colleagues, once known as the bastards, have ruffled many a grey hair this year. They can claim much of the credit for edging John Major towards his commitments against further constitutional encroachments by Brussels. They were rewarded last week with wide support by colleagues in Cabinet who expressed rare levels of dissatisfaction with a European discussion document that paid too little obeisance to the new line. As a result, there is little heard now of resignations from the Cabinet Right.

On the Left of the Cabinet too, there is calm, at least on the surface. Lord Howe has called on those Cabinet members "seriously committed to Britain's being at the heart of Europe" to do their duty and fight for their cause. But Messrs Clarke, Heseltine and Gummer have so far done little. Mr Heseltine's contribution was to attack the *Times* account of last week's Cabinet meeting: other observers have preferred the subsequent evidence of their own ears and eyes. As for Mr Clarke, struggling to recover from his role in the withdrawal of the whip from Euro-sceptic MPs, there is a prudent case for keeping his head down.

Lord Howe rejects this attitude of complacency. He wants the traditional European case to be put more vigorously. Although, in our view, he is wrong in his prescription, he is certainly right to see trouble ahead. The shift within the Cabinet does not represent merely "short-term tactical considerations of party management", as he argued in his *Financial Times* article yesterday. The changed opinion of ministers is a response to a changing perception of national interest and a growing popular sentiment in Britain and on the Continent. The Prime Minister has taken a lead and should stick to his new course. He is not even isolated among his European peers in wishing to see no major constitutional changes from the inter-governmental conference next year. Many others of them quietly agree.

The onus should be on those in favour of closer European integration to argue persuasively for it. Lady Thatcher recalls in her memoirs how "Geoffrey harboured an almost romantic longing for Britain to become part of some grandiose European consensus": as for defining this "misty Europeanism", she claims she never heard him do it. Definition is still hard to find among yesterday's idealists.

Lord Howe recalls in his own memoirs how during Edward Heath's days in Downing Street, the policy on Europe "arrived, as it were, with the rations". For many that has never changed. It will have to change if Lord Howe and his supporters are to turn old saws into persuasive thoughts. No one should rely on stale metaphors about Britain "stalled in the slow lane of a two-speed Europe" or on glib assertions that "only by acting more closely together can we control our destiny". Those who cannot do better deserve their plight.

SMALL BLUNDER

Unionists must focus on the real issues

Peter Brooke's description of Gerry Adams as a "brave man" on television last night was an unfortunate remark which the families of IRA victims will surely have found offensive. In the same programme, Mr Adams was alleged by other interviewees to have been a leading IRA strategist and commanding officer of an IRA company in Belfast. The Sinn Fein president has always denied such charges. Yet he has never disguised his sympathy for militant republicanism.

Mr Brooke might indeed have phrased his comments more carefully. Peter Robinson, the Democratic Unionist MP, doubtless spoke for many yesterday when he said that the former Northern Ireland Secretary's remarks reflected "the empty-headed blundering of the Government". The memory of Mr Brooke singing "Oh My Darling Clementine" on television on the day of an IRA atrocity three years ago is still fresh in the Province.

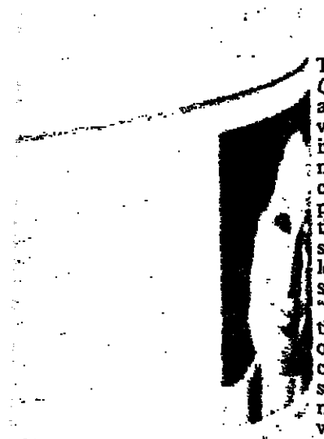
It is important, however, that the Unionist community should not overreact. In the first place, the main point made by the former Northern Ireland Secretary — that Mr Adams played a key role in persuading the IRA to call a ceasefire — is not contentious. Whether his actions have been courageous, as Mr Brooke claimed, is open to debate. The republican leader has clearly calculated that the interests of his movement are now best served by inclusion in the peace process. Yesterday the fruits of this tactic were clear in Mr Adams's latest high-level meeting, in this case with Bertie Ahern, the leader of Fianna Fail. History will judge whether the Sinn Fein leader's strategy is brave, deeply manipulative or both. Secondly, Unionists should be concentrating on the more important issues ahead of them. Mr Brooke's minor act of insensitivity may raise hackles, but is of little importance in the complex scheme of the peace process. It is vital that the Unionists focus their attentions on the right questions, such as the de-commissioning of terrorist weapons and the contents of the forthcoming joint framework document. In particular, they must make clear to the British Government that systematic early release of terrorist prisoners should not be countenanced.

Republican and loyalist inmates account for 65 per cent of the 1,800 prisoners in the Province. Those campaigning on their behalf point out that Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, is technically able to free lifers at any point in their sentence. There is also lobbying for a change in the rules on remission for inmates serving determinate sentences. Dublin's plans to release up to five IRA prisoners, disclosed this week, have added to the pressure on the British Government to follow suit.

Extending home leave and allowing terrorist prisoners on the mainland to return to custody in Ulster may be acceptable gestures in some cases. But the British Government should not be tempted into any change of policy that could be interpreted as an amnesty — however discreet. Unionist politicians should emphasise the risks of such a measure. In practice, their success in the peace process will depend on their capacity to establish priorities and pursue them with vigour.

JUSTICE AT SEA

The *QE2* has hit the rocks of American litigation



The slow and churlish early handling of the *QE2*'s grim Christmas voyage left Cunard and its parent company, Trafalgar House, with few claims on public sympathy. The initial decision to sail when the liner's £30 million refit was manifestly unfinished was cavalier enough. The error was compounded when instead of listening to more than justified complaints about rubbish-strewn corridors and saloons, icy cabins and leaks and worse in the plumbing, a Cunard spokesman rebuked the passengers for "whingeing". The first offers of compensation made by Trafalgar House fell well short of what could reasonably be expected of a company claiming to offer the last word in seaborne luxury. The £7.5 million package now on offer emerged only after negotiations which should never have been necessary. Cunard's reputation for customer relations has been holed below the waterline.

None of this justifies the extravagant damages, estimated by one of the litigants at up to £40 million, being sought in the class action now being filed against Cunard by a group of passengers in the United States. All affected passengers have now been offered a full refund, plus free tickets of equivalent value for a cruise during 1995 on any Cunard vessel of their choice. Most are likely, sensibly, to settle for that, although Cunard should respond generously and without further cavil to cases of actual physical injury. Even if it is granted that people do not book luxury cruises with the idea that they are going on an adventure holiday, the claims made by this litigious group for "mental stress" have made-in-America stamped all over them.

As Professor Christine Hall, the *QE2* passenger and law professor who is serving as one of the counsel, said at the time of the voyage, "in America you can sue for anything". You can sue, for fun and profit, virtually without financial risk, too, under the contingency-fee system. In consequence, the huge sums to be made in the US by suing over the smallest mishap have pushed up the costs of everything from surgery to leisure pursuits. Illegitimate greed has become entwined with the legitimate pursuit of legal rights. Ironic car stickers plead: "Hit me. I need the money."

Juries in America decide damages, not judges, and take a vicarious delight in massive awards: witness the £1.9 million in damages awarded last year against McDonald's hamburger chain for serving its coffee "too hot". Average consumers indirectly pay the price of such awards, and as this is more widely realised, there is a growing American backlash against abusive litigation. Most *QE2* passengers emerged from their Christmas trip unscathed even if rightly disgruntled — and for once, found their neighbours avid for every detail of their trip. They will get their money back, and are offered another cruise that matches their disappointed expectations. Justice surely demands no more.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Tory split over Euro-sceptic line

From Lord Rippon of Hexham

Sir, As the minister who carried the European Communities Act through the House of Commons in 1972, I commend the Prime Minister for maintaining the basic policies advocated by Lady Thatcher in her speech at Bruges in 1988.

However, I am not renewing my membership of the Bruges Group. It has become a fringe organisation. I deplore the support voiced by many of its members for the so-called "Euro-sceptics". The Euro-sceptics' offence was in refusing to support a vote of confidence. They are a tiny splinter group consisting of some who have always been opposed to our going into Europe: others are simply embittered or disappointed, a number of whom have now become over-excited by publicity.

Yours faithfully,
RIPPON of HEXHAM
(Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, 1970-72),
The Old Vicarage, Broomfield,
Nr Bridgwater, Somerset.
January 30.

From the Head of External Relations, Commission of the European Communities Office, London

Sir, In his article of January 27, "Why we need a referendum", Sir James Goldsmith states in relation to the forthcoming inter-governmental conference that "changes are vital because Maastricht has already created conditions which will inevitably lead to a supranational European state run by an unelected commission in Brussels, masked by a veneer of democracy supplied by the European Parliament".

This is a preposterous remark. The European Commission does not possess a vote in any European Union decision and there is no intention that it should have one. The European Parliament of course has votes but it does not have the right of decision, at least not so far. Decision remains in the hands of ministers of national governments, including the Government of the United Kingdom.

Any change in these arrangements would in any case require ratification by governments. Does Sir James seriously believe that the Parliament at Westminster would agree to the creation of a single central European state? As he is always concerned to air his fantasies, would it not be useful for readers to learn more about his plans for a realistic workable alternative to current arrangements as the Union attracts new members?

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY MARTIN,
The European Commission,
8 Storey's Gate, SW1.
January 27.

From Mr Richard Rawsthorn

Sir, Mr Tim Renton, MP, the former Chief Whip, calls the Euro-sceptics "flat earthers" (report, January 30). This is an infernal cheek.

It is the pro-Europeans who have lost their grip on reality. Enthralled by their vision of Britain being swept by a tide of historical inevitability towards union with Europe, the pro-Europeans have overlooked the hard fact that an overwhelming majority of the British people do not want this.

However, the pro-Europeans are right to point out the damage which Britain is suffering as a result of its present Micawberish policy of hoping that the European Union will surrender its ambitions of further integration and assume a more acceptable form.

This may happen, or it may not: only time will tell. In the meantime, Britain's best course would be to withdraw from the European Union and get on with shaping its own future.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD RAWSTHORN,
Barcroft, Cliviger,
Nr Burnley, Lancashire.
January 30.

Bird cull protest

From the Director of the Salmon & Trout Association

Sir, Mr H. J. Marden (letter, January 20) claims that "Any fisherman worth his salt knows that mergansers, goosanders and cormorants perform a cull". He goes on to say that perhaps 80 per cent of the parr involved are sick and injured, and that the diet of these birds includes coarse fish.

As the principal organisation representing game anglers in the UK and having examined evidence submitted from our members and angling clubs all over the country, as well as the official research sponsored by the National Rivers Authority, I can assure Mr Marden that fish-eating birds are decimating healthy stocks of game and coarse fish in rivers, lakes and ponds the length and breadth of the country.

This association does not advocate the wholesale shooting of fish-eating birds; further research on the reasons for the growth in cormorant and sawbill populations is required, and a long-term management strategy to restore the balance between predator and prey.

Yours sincerely,
C. W. POUPARD, Director,
The Salmon & Trout Association,
Fishmongers' Hall,
London Bridge, EC4.
January 20.

Disagreement on teaching priorities in primary schools

From Mr Geoffrey J. Samuel

Sir, The Chief Inspector of Schools is absolutely right in his discussion of prejudice in primary schools against formal instruction ("Teach our teachers a lesson", January 26). "Didactic" has become a term of opprobrium among teachers with inevitable consequences for standards.

But Christopher Woodhead is wrong to ascribe all the blame to teachers. In the secondary sector his own teams of inspectors are having a marked influence. Unfortunately many of them are dominated by local-authority inspectors who are often politically motivated or inept (or both).

The dominant tone of inspection reports of schools which espouse Mr Woodhead's own values is one of carping criticism. Frequent mention is made of "a lack of variety of teaching styles". This is of course supported by "evidence" and followed by stern admonitions to introduce change. On the other hand schools which subscribe to the dominant values of the educational establishment can expect a whitewash even if they are palpably failing their pupils.

In this school we have a dilemma as we prepare for inspection in the autumn. If we continue with the policies in which we believe and which have produced exceptional examination results for our pupils, we shall invite a critical and damaging report. On the other hand we can abandon formal instruction and become converted to the kind of approaches which find favour with Mr Woodhead's inspectors. What does he suggest that I should do?

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY J. SAMUEL
(Headmaster),
The Heathland School,
Wellington Road South,
Hounslow, Middlesex.
January 26.

From Mr Adrian Townsend

Sir, You reported primary schools being described as the "weakest link" in the educational system (details, January 23) without paying attention to the funding system which discriminates against them. This is unfair.

Mr Woodhead's own department gave evidence last year to a Commons select committee inquiry into the disparity of funding between primary and secondary schools. The inquiry showed that on average a secondary pupil received around 40 per cent more funding than a primary pupil, a differential that should be borne in mind when making simple comparisons between the sectors. Eleven failing primary schools out of 778 inspected is 1.4 per cent. Twelve out of 1,200 secondary is 1 per cent, hardly a "bad" comparison in the circumstances.

The select committee produced 38 recommendations and conclusions. Among them was one that any increase in funding should be distributed disproportionately in favour of primary schools. My own school (the average size for an Oxfordshire primary) would gain an additional two or three teachers if it was funded in the same way as a local secondary school. Specialist subject teaching and different class arrangements could then easily be established.

Primary teachers are undervalued. They have been oppressed by eight years of sweeping reforms, but the notion that they can deliver five-star service with three-star funding is completely unfair.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN TOWNSEND
(Headteacher),
New Hinksey First School,
Vicarage Road, Oxford.

From Mr George D. Handley

Sir, As an Ofsted inspector with many years' experience as a primary head, I endorse the concerns expressed by Christopher Woodhead about educational standards. In our primary schools we have been too much at the mercy of fashions, romantic ideologies and bandwagons.

There is no doubt that the rejection of the didactic approach and the exclusive emphasis on what is "relevant to the immediate interests of children" have both taken their toll. However, when Mr Woodhead emphasises the teaching of knowledge and facts at the expense of the development of skills, he is surely making a big mistake.

Skills are supremely important for living. All who have taken exams know that regurgitated information disappears from the memory over time whilst skills such as being able to think coherently and to articulate ideas with clarity last a lifetime.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE D. HANDLEY,
The Hylands, Sedbergh, Cumbria.

From Mr Chris McDonnell

Sir, The article by Christopher Woodhead takes us down a familiar path. Having determined what we teach in primary schools by defining a national curriculum, we now move on to how we deliver that curriculum and manage our classrooms.

Significant improvement in standards will only come about when we honestly address the issue of class size, a matter of concern to every parent. It is of course economically expedient to advocate didacticism or formal instruction. If a teacher can perform for 25 children, why not address 35 or 45 children at the same time? Of course there will be occasions when a teacher addresses the larger group; but why must we denigrate the other vital roles, of facilitator, enabler and enthusiastic source of encouragement?

Through the underfunding of the primary sector, we are now making demands on our teaching staff that cannot be met. We are losing the struggle to meet the challenge of the national curriculum as class numbers soar.

Yours sincerely,
CHRIS McDONNELL
(Headteacher),
Fulfen Primary School,
Rugeley Road,
Burntwood, Staffordshire.
January 28.

From Mr Robert Béar

Sir, It is not "progressive teaching orthodoxy" which is "at the heart of falling standards", as stated in your leading article (January 28) endorsing the views of Christopher Woodhead. The trouble is that there are not enough competent teachers capable of treating *critically* (in the best sense of the word) all preconceived theories and orthodoxies — progressive or non-progressive, "wrongheaded" or right-headed.

There is no recipe, or improved recipes, that will make the product called good education universally available in, as it were, a national sort of scholastic Marks & Spencer. Like life itself education is not easily definable. Essential education is a constant and, at best, joyful challenge for tutor and pupil alike.

Standards will be raised only when schools are in a position to attract a sufficient number of teachers of a high calibre. This is a problem for government, local authorities, unions and, possibly, society at large.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT BÉAR,
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3 Kensington Avenue,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
January 29.

WHO and Afghans

From Dr A. John Robertson

Sir, The United Nations and the World Health Organisation are not universally popular, so may I draw your attention to an outstanding recent success in war-torn Afghanistan? An expanded programme of immunisation (EPI) was proposed, and the WHO Afghan representative discussed this with leaders in all regions. A ceasefire was promised for the week of November 19-25, 1994, to allow volunteers to vaccinate mothers against tetanus and their children against measles and poliomyelitis.

It worked splendidly. Even on November 26, as a volunteer WHO consultant I could not get into some parts of a hospital near Mazar-e-Sharif because of queues of families still seeking their vaccines.

About one million children under five were helped with polio and vitamin A (80 per cent of the target), 350,000 children under two were vaccinated against measles and more than 300,000 mothers of childbearing age had their first tetanus toxoid. Army tanks in Jalalabad were covered with WHO posters, and military planes flew equipment and supplies for the campaign.

The unofficial ceasefire has now held for two months. It may be naive to suggest that Afghans were looking for an excuse to stop fighting, but this was the first good news for them in 1994, and perhaps it may continue. Certainly many more diplomats have recently visited Jalalabad, Herat and Mazar.

The WHO and the Afghan Ministry of Public Health have achieved an unprecedented success by using their neutrality to help mothers and children on both sides of the conflict.

Yours faithfully,
A. JOHN ROBERTSON,
72 Rodney Street, Liverpool 1.
January 23.

Product placement

From Mr Martin Pearce

Sir, It's not just in the *Radio Times* that the BBC becomes rather too closely linked with sponsors ("A clash of TV cultures", *Media and Marketing*, January 18). Its programmes too reveal an alarming degree of product placement, presumably by willing and grateful sponsors.

One of my favourites, *One Foot in the Grave*, strikes me as one of the most guilty. The Christmas episode had Victor Meldrew extolling the virtues of Peugeot cars, while clearly eating Cadbury's chocolate. Last week's episode had him in a solicitor's with an unmistakable Sainsbury's carrier bag.

Jasper Carrot had whole segments in his Christmas show spoofing various ads: but the joke relied on Carrot showing most of the ad first. Very good news if you were one of those featured.

Nor is this confined to BBC1. On January 16 the BBC2 documentary *Virtually Las Vegas* had a long, lingering interview with an architect with not just one but three cans of Diet Coke in shot.

These are just three random examples from what is supposedly a non-commercial channel. Whilst I would not want the BBC to revert to the extremes that it used to when John Noakes was on *Blue Peter*, where he had to refer to detergent bottles rather than Fairy Liquid bottles, I do feel the pendulum has swung too far the other way.

Yours faithfully,
M. PEARCE,
Brewery Court,
Theale, Berkshire.
January 18.

HMS Caroline

From Captain M. C. Henry, RN

Sir, Has Mr John Hinton (letter, January 26) been to Belfast, I wonder? *HMS Caroline* is at least as visible in Belfast harbour as *HMS Belfast* is in London.

Caroline is a living, used, ship; she has been the headquarters of the Ulster Division•RNR since its formation 71 years ago; she is the only historic warship in Northern Ireland. To take her away would cost the Navy more money and erode the identity and morale of the Ulster Division.

I think it is rather presumptuous to suggest that taking her away from her present purpose in Belfast would rescue *HMS Caroline* from "obscurity".

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL C. HENRY,
Aldavhu,
Garelochhead, Dunbartonshire.
January 26.

Just rewards

From Mr Peter Orr

Sir, Mr Gratwick (letter, January 27) believes that "our children should be taught in their schools that the high salaries of such as Cedric Brown set a target for all to aim at". From my schooldays, half a century ago, I still remember the prayer exhorting us "to labour and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing that we do Thy will". Our values seem to have changed over the years.

Yorus faithfully,
PETER ORR,
17 Berkley Drive,
Guisborough, Cleveland.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

Clergy wives

From Mrs M. H. Kirk

Sir, Libby Purves's plea (January 23) for politicians to stand on their own feet, unaided by dutiful wives (see also letter, January 30), will evoke an empathic response from any spouses of those in "public" marriages — senior diplomats, officers in the armed forces, public school house and headmasters and, of course, members of the Royal Family.

Wives of clergy, however, cannot "leave the stage" as your headline puts it. A clergyman in the Church of England (and indeed now a clergywoman) must vow at ordination to "strive to fashion [his] own life and that of [his] household according to the way of Christ" (*Alternative Service Book* 1980). Usually the ordained partner, the parish, and the diocese interpret that as endless self-sacrifice on the altar of their expectations and his ministry. She is the proverbial unpaid curate, yet simultaneously a mother and sometimes a wage-earner.

Clergy marriages carry huge amounts of stress through overwork, under-pay, tied housing, increasing isolation from society, and impossible standards. Recent research suggests that such marriages have more chance of surviving happily if the wife can achieve a separate identity.

Perhaps now the shackling of clergy spouses to a job and maybe even a creed they do not wish to share will have to go. Can the Church survive?

Yours truly,
MARY KIRK
(Joint author, *Holy Matrimony? An exploration of Marriage and Ministry*, Lynx Communications, 1994),
13 avenue des Fenouillèdes,
66220 Prugnanes, France.

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Sisterly support

From Mr Christopher Elsworth, FRCS

Sir, I am delighted that the Cornish theatre sister who did more than her fair share of a recent appendicectomy operation has been let off with a caution (report, January 27). This is a victory of common sense over media outrage.

I left rather a mess in the operating theatre after putting on a plaster of Paris cast yesterday afternoon. Our theatre sister threatened to remove my appendix in retribution. Whereas I have every confidence in her skill and ability, I had a suspicion that anaesthesia was not included in the deal. I suggested that she stick to her job description and beat a hasty retreat.

I am optimistic that I also may be let off with a caution.

Yours etc.
CHRISTOPHER ELSWORTH
(Consultant orthopaedic surgeon),
14 Marlow Drive,
Didsbury, Manchester 20.
January 27.

was a wound in the Prince's neck, that he had fallen from horseback, and that he had been ... It may be added that one of the last persons with whom the Prince conversed at some length in Vienna was Lady Paget. He ... morning, but that his attendants, hearing no answer when they knocked at his door, burst the door open, and found him dead in bed ...

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 30: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, this afternoon opened the Society's Tottenham Child and Family Support Project, Park Lane Clinic, Tottenham, London, N17.

The Countess Alexander of Tunis was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 30: The Duchess of Kent this morning opened the British Airways Compass Centre, Heathrow Airport, *Hounslow, Middlesex.*

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
January 30: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended a Gala Dinner to celebrate the Silver Anniversary of the Four Seasons Hotel and in aid of the British Red Cross, at the Four Seasons *Hotel, Hamilton Place,* London W1.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will inspect progress at the construction of a new quadrangle at Magdalen College, Oxford, at 2.15 and will take part in the burial of a time capsule.

Professor Dorothy Hodgkin

A Memorial Service will be held in the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, at 2.30pm on Saturday, March 4, 1995, for Dorothy Mary Crowfoot Hodgkin, OM, FRS. There will be a reception in Somerville College after the Service.

Insurers' Company

Mr David Rowland, Chairman of Lloyd's, has presented Ms Annette Grey with the Insurers' Company Certificate of Proficiency, Mr David Jamieson with the Financial Planning Certificate and Mr Gary Bottriel with the Advanced Financial Planning Certificate.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Canon John Halliburton, Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral, was *the guest speaker at a meeting of* the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

Dinners

Watermen and Lightermen
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies, was the principal guest at a dinner of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames held last night at Fishmongers' Hall. Mr Julian K. Badcock, Master, assisted by Mr David Allen, Senior Warden, and Captain Sir Malcolm Edge, Mr Jeffrey Jenkinson, and Mr Christopher Livett, Junior Wardens, presided. The Lord Mayor, Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges and Captain Sir Malcolm Edge also spoke.

Inter-Parliamentary Union
Dame Jill Knight, Chairman, of the British group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, was the host at a dinner held last night at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in honour of a parliamentary delegation from Turkey led by Dr Yildirim Avci.

Cardiff Business Club
The President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, HM Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd Edwards, the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Mrs Joanna Cory, and the Hon Recorder for the City of Cardiff, Judge Michael Gibbon, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff last night. The Guest Speaker was Sir Bernard Ingham. Mr Brian K. Thomas, Chairman, Cardiff Business Club, presided.

1912 Club
Sir Marcus Fox, MP, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912 Club held last night at the House of Commons, after the annual meeting, by courtesy of Mr Roger E. Sims, MP.



Two members of the Tate Gallery's sculpture staff, Jehannine Mauduech, left, and Sandra Deighton, prepare items for New Displays 1995, the sixth re-hanging of the gallery's permanent collection, which opens today. The Sluggard by Frederic, first Lord Leighton, and the Teucer, by Sir Hamo Thornycroft, both date from the 1880s, and are on show in the Duveen Galleries, the Tate's central sculpture space. New Displays 1995 traces the evolution of British art from the 16th century and includes works specially brought out of store

ROBIN MAYES

Birthdays today

The Queen of The Netherlands celebrates her 57th birthday today. Professor Sir Eric Ash, former Rector, Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, 67; Miss Presiley Baxendale, QC, 44; Mrs Prunella Briance, founder, National Childbirth Trust, 69; Lieutenant Commander Sir Richard Buckley, former royal equerry, 67; Professor Violet Cane, statistician, 79; Mr Christopher Chataway, chairman, Civil Aviation Authority, former MP and athlete, 64; Mr Robert Clatworthy, sculptor, 67; Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox, diplomat, 64; Mr Miron Grindea, editor, *ADAM International Review*, 86; Mrs Justice Hale, 50; Air Marshal Sir Christopher Hartley, 82; Air Marshal Sir John Kemball, 56; Mr J.J. Lehto, racing driver, 29; Mr Norman Mailer, author, 72; Miss Rosanne Musgrave, Headmistress, Blackheath High School, 43; Miss Jean Simmons, actress, 66; the Rev Lord Soper, 92; Sir Michael Wilford, diplomat, 73.

Royal Town Planning Institute

Viscount Ullswater, Minister for Construction and Planning, presented the Royal Town Planning Institute's annual Planning Achievement Awards at the SAS Portman Hotel, London, yesterday.

The Silver Jubilee Cup was awarded to Norwich City Council for the Castle Mall Shopping Centre, Norwich; other Awards were made for Alloa Tower and Old Town Enhancement Project, Clackmannan; Horton Tower Conservation Project, Dorset; North Ashington Regeneration, Northumberland; Prickshaw Village, Rochdale; St Philips Primary School, Salford; The Tate Gallery, St Ives.

The President of the Royal Town Planning Institute, Mr Jed Griffiths, welcomed guests who included representatives of local and national government, industry, *and professional institutions.*

Archaeology

Pharaoh's bread rises again in Egypt

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, *ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT*

ANCIENT Egyptian bread, the staple that fed the men who built the Pyramids and carved the Sphinx, has been recreated in a striking archaeological experiment. Using primitive wheat and native *yeasts, the bread tastes* like sourdough or the present-day Egyptian "bread of the sun".

The experiment began when Dr Mark Lehner discovered a pharaonic bakery on the Giza Plateau near Cairo in 1991. The location near the Pyramids and seal impressions *found on the site suggested* that the building was a *per shena* or food commissary, dating from the reign of Menkaure, who built the smallest of the Giza pyramids around 2470 BC.

The plan of the excavated bakery was used to build a replica, using Nile clay and Tura limestone. Baking crocks like those shown on ancient tomb reliefs were made by a local potter, each with a bowl base and conical cover.

Emmer wheat, one of the first cereals to be cultivated in the Middle East, was obtained from a rare-breed collector in California, and Dr Edward Wood, a retired pathologist who grows exotic sourdough yeasts in Idaho, took charge of the breadmaking. Local yeast was obtained by exposing wet flour to the Cairo air for a few days.

The pot bottoms were sunk *in hot coals with the risen* dough in them, then the tops, heated separately in a fire as shown in ancient reliefs, were moved on top of them using sticks. The combined heat from the fire and the hot lids acted like an oven, and after 100 minutes the bread was baked.

Dr Wood pronounced it a true sourdough, while one of Dr Lehner's Egyptian workers compared it to *aish shamsi*, "bread of the sun". Laboratory analysis showed that the bread was nutritionally comparable to commercial loaves.

Ancient Egyptian bread came in many sizes and shapes, with names like *beset, paadj, pesen, hetjat* and *toot*: it was offered to the *ka* of the dead pharaoh for nourishment, and also fed his subjects more directly. Dr Lehner's experiment shows how it was produced, and its palatability.

Source: *National Geographic* Vol. 187 No 1: 32-35.

Luncheons yesterday

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at *Lancaster House in honour of* Mr Ivan Pilip, Minister of Education and Sport and Leader of the Democratic Party of the Czech Republic, and Mrs Lucie Pilipova, *Director of the Bohemiae Foundation of the Czech Republic.*

Rotary Club of London
Lord Howe of Aberavon, QC, was the speaker at a luncheon of the Rotary Club of London held yesterday at the London Marriott Hotel. Mr John Parker, president, was in the chair.

Royal Over-Seas League
The Australian High Commissioner was the guest of honour at a luncheon held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's, by Mr Peter McEntee, chairman, and members of the central council.

London Export Group
The London Export Group of Companies held their traditional Chinese New Year Luncheon on Monday, January 30, in the Ballroom at the Dorchester hotel to welcome in the "Year of the Pig". The 48 Group Club co-hosted this celebration. Mr Stephen Perry of LEC and Mr Peter Bennett, Chairman of the 48 Group Club, were the hosts. The guests included: The Chinese Ambassador, the Right Hon Richard Needham, MP, the Right Hon Alastair Goodlad, MP, the Right Hon Roger Freeman, MP, Mr K.C. Wu, OBE, Sir Robin McLaren, Sir Alan Donald, Sir Percy Cradock, GCMG, Sir Michael Palliser, GCMG, Dr Patrick Moore, CBE, FRAS, Mr Albert Roux, Miss Maureen Lipman and Mr Ken Friar, Managing Director of Arsenal Football Club, representatives of the Foreign Office, the DTI and other government departments, representatives of organisations concerned with the development of political, economic and cultural relations between Britain and China, the BBC, banks, industrial companies, trade and cultural organisations.

Latest wills

Sir Alexander Gilchrist Frame, of Holmbury St Mary, Surrey, chairman of Rio Tinto-Zinc 1985-91, left estate valued at £1,189,210 net.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Malcolm White, Vicar, St Peter and St John's, Upper Holloway (London): to take up a half-time post in the Burnham Team Ministry (Oxford).
The Rev David Winter, Priest-in-charge, Ducklington and the Bishop's Officer for Evangelism, Oxford: to be NSM, Hermitage Team Ministry, same diocese.
The Rev John Wright, Assistant Curate, St Matthias, Burley (Ripon): to be Assistant Curate, Brightside w Wincobank (Sheffield).
The Rev Kevin Wyld, Vicar, Medomsley (Durham): to be Priest-in-charge, High Spen and Rowlands Gill (same diocese).

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: André Garnerin, pioneer balloonist, Paris, 1769; Bernard Barton, poet, Carlisle, 1784; Franz Schubert, composer, Vienna, 1797; *Zane Grey, writer of western* novels, Zanesville, Ohio, 1872; Irving Langmuir, physicist, New York, 1881; Anna Pavlova, prima ballerina, Leningrad, 1882; Tallulah Bankhead, actress, Huntsville, Alabama, 1903; Mario Lanza, tenor and film actor, New York, 1921.

DEATHS: Charles Edward Stuart *(Bonnie Prince Charlie)*, Rome, 1788; Friedrich Rückert, poet, Neuses, near Coburg, 1866; Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Baptist minister, Menton, France, 1892; *John Galsworthy*, novelist and dramatist, Nobel laureate 1932, London, 1933; Jean Giraudoux, dramatist, Paris, 1944; Sir Charles Cochran, impresario, London, 1951; A.A. Milne, children's writer and dramatist, Hartfield, Sussex, 1956; Samuel Goldwyn, film producer, Los Angeles, 1974; Winifred Atwell, pianist, Sydney, New South Wales, 1983.

The execution of Guy Fawkes and his fellow conspirators of the Gunpowder Plot, 1606.

Three hundred and seven people died when the Thames estuary broke its banks flooding large areas of Kent and Essex, 1953.

The wearing of front seatbelts in *cars was made compulsory,* 1983.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. Brown and Miss T.A. Lloyd Jones
The engagement is announced between Malcolm, younger son of Wing Commander and Mrs R.McN. Brown, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, and Tanya Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Lloyd-Jones, of Tainton, Somerset.

Mr C.S. Farr and Miss S.R. Morgan-Jones
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of *the late Mr Hordern Farr* and of Mrs Jenny Farr, of Epperstone, Nottinghamshire, and Sophy, only daughter of Captain David Morgan-Jones, of Brigstock, Leicestershire, and *Mrs Jennifer d'Abo, of* London.

Mr J.M. Furniss and Miss A.C.J. Siow
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Dr and Mrs James Cyril Furniss, of North Berwick, Scotland, and Alethea, daughter of Dr and Mrs Yong Chai Siow, of London and Singapore.

Mr P.A. Herrmann and Dr D. Hubble
The engagement is announced between Piers Alexander, son of Frank and Patricia Herrmann, of Woodham Walter, Essex, and Dominique, daughter of Michael and Tessa Hubble, of Madrid and Marbella, Spain.

Mr J.M. Leah and Miss R.J. Jackson
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Leah, of Kingsclere, Berkshire, and Ruth Justine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Jackson, of Chieveley, Berkshire.

Mr H.P. Greville and Miss C.A. McKenney
The forthcoming marriage between Hugh, younger son of Dr and Mrs Nicholas Greville, of West Mersea, Essex, and Camille, daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank McKenney, of Peabody, Massachusetts, USA, will take place in *Manchester*, Massachusetts, on March 5, 1995.

Mr A.G. Rowlands and Miss N.A. Morgan
The engagement is announced between Andrew George, son of Mr and Mrs G. Rowlands, of Sydney, Australia, and Nicole Anne, daughter of the late Mr *Hugh Morgan* and of Mrs Jany Morgan, of London.

Mr G.A. Shannon and Miss F. McLeod
The engagement is announced between Gareth Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs S.G. Shannon, of Dungannon, Co Tyrone, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M.A. McLeod, of Hascombe, Surrey.

Mr R.G.E. Todd and Miss R.P. Johnson
The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs George Todd, of Smarden, Kent, and Ruth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Johnson, of Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Dr D.V. Walton and Miss M.L. Ferguson
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr Vivian Walton and of the late Mrs Janetta Walton, of Stanstead, Kent, and Mary, daughter of Dr and Mrs Michael Ferguson, of Oxhey, Hertfordshire.

University news

London
King's College
Recent grants include:
Age Concern Institute of Gerontology
Dr J Askham £46,000 (Age Concern Tower Hamlets), a research project entitled 'accident prevention.'
Anatomy and Human Biology Group/Development Biology Research Centre
Dr G E Jones £88,244 (MRC), a research project entitled 'role of Rac and Rho proteins in the chemotaxis-driven migration of macrophages.'
Dr G E Jones £108,365 (Arthritis and Rheumatism Council), a research project entitled 'role of Rac and Rho proteins in the chemotaxis-driven migration of macrophages.'
Dr S J Persand £92,705 (Wellcome Trust), a research fellowship entitled 'identification by insertional mutagenesis of genes involved in the regulation of pancreatic beta cells.'
Professor N H K Holder, Dr S W Wilson, Dr Q Xu £178,958 (MRC), a research project entitled 'functional analysis of spatially regulated receptor tyrosine kinases in the zebra fish embryo.'
Dr R F Brooks, £127,313 (Wellcome Trust), a research project entitled 'initiation of DNA synthesis in vertebrate cells: development of a cell free system.'
Dr S W Wilson £540,755 (Wellcome Trust), a senior research fellowship in basic biomedical science entitled 'analysis of mechanisms underlying regional patterning of the embryonic vertebrate forebrain.'
Centre for Educational Studies/Education
Professor S J Ball £88,650 (ESRC), a research project entitled 'schools, cultures & values: the impact of the 1988 & 1993 Education Arts.'
Chemistry
Dr H H Fielding £260,179 (EPSRC), a research project entitled 'rydberg electron wavepacket dynamics in molecules using picosecond laser pulses.'
Clinical Biochemistry
Dr V R Preedy £56,491 (Wellcome Trust), a research studentship entitled 'a study of transcriptional control of protein synthesis in alcohol induced muscle disease.'
Electronic and Electrical Engineering
Dr I D Robertson, Professor A H Aghvami £146,344 (EPSRC), a research project entitled 'large-signal characterisation and design of millimetre-wave integrated circuits.'
Dr A A Rezazadeh £130,432 (EPSRC), a research project entitled 'study of InGaP/GaAs DHBTS for high frequency power applications.'
Mathematics
Professor E B Davies £102,874 (EPSRC), a research project entitled 'eliptic & parabolic partial differential equations.'
Dr Y Safarov £100,235 (EPSRC), a *research project entitled 'spectral* asymptotics for partial differential operators and associated geometric problems.'
Medical Unit
Dr J P Miell £107,469 (MRC), a clinical training fellowship entitled 'the effects of nutrition on the growth axis in paediatric liver disease.'
Professor A M McGregor £363,750 (Wellcome Trust), an advanced training research fellowship entitled 'post natal consequences of intrauterine growth retardation: reprogramming of the IGS/IGFBP axis.'
Physics
Professor R M Hill £175,874 (EPSRC) to support a research project entitled 'experimental determination of the dynamics of space change development in insulators.'
Professor E C Lightowlers, Professor G Davies, Dr A Mainwood £242,069 (EPSRC), a research project entitled 'hydrogen in silicon: incorporation, solubility, diffusion, interaction with impurities & defects.'
Public Health and Epidemiology/Community Medicine
Professor N D Noah £96,000 (Lederle Laboratories), a research project entitled 'surveillance of meningitis in Europe.'

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So shall I every sing psalms in honour of your name as I fulfil my vows day after day. Psalm 61 : 8 (REB).

BIRTHS

ASHTON - On 25th January, at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Kate (née Freeman) and Charles, a daughter, Flora Harriet Dorothy, a sister for Isabel.

BELL - On January 30th, to Nicky (née Gale) and Alan, of 31 Campbell Road, Mount Maunganui, 3002 New Zealand, a son, Frederick Alexander Murray, a brother for Samantha.

BISHOP - On 29th January, to Jane (née Goodwin) and Robin, a daughter, Katie Jane Nepean, a sister for Laura.

BRUNDISH - On 28th January, to Melissa (née Fincham) and Scott, a beautiful baby son, Laurence Alexander.

CLAIBORNE - On January 26th at The Portland Hospital, to Thomas and Lisa, a darling little boy weighing 6lbs 8oz.

CLEMENT - Born on January 26th at The Portland Hospital, to Nicole Clement (née Weiss) and Jean-Michel Clement, an absolutely beautiful little son, Mathis.

GREAVES - On January 28th at Cambridge, to Neil and Karen (née Cottis), a beautiful baby daughter, Rosie Karen.

HARVEY WOOD - On January 26th, to Melanie (née Seid) and Orlando, an adorable son, Harry Christopher, at The Portland Hospital.

HAWKE - On January 22nd 1995 in Oxford, to Catherine (née Mackenzie Smith) and Simon, a son, Edward Antony John, a brother for Henrietta and Charlotte.

KENLEY - On January 27th at The Portland Hospital, to Sara (née Bennett) and Alan, a precious son.

LOCK - On January 27th, to Sue (née Sheffield) and Michael, a daughter, Alice Jane.

LOVEKIN - Sanjana and Jonathan announce the birth of their daughter Lillie Laura born on 18th January at the Wellington Hospital.

MACINTYRE - On 27th January, in Oxford, to Kate (née Muir) and Ben, a son, Angus Barnaby.

MARKS - On Friday 27th January at 1.04 pm at Guys Hospital, to Shona (née Groves) and Philip, a daughter, Harriet Elizabeth (6lbs 9oz).

McBEAN - David and Jo-anne (née Francis) are proud and delighted to announce, the birth of their new baby, Verity Scarlett, born on 30th January, at St Richard's Hospital, Chichester, a little sister for William Rupert.

NORTHCOTT - On January 27th, to Richard and Kirsten, a son, a brother for George and Charlie.

PECK - On 26th January 1995, to Andrew and Cynthia 'Cindy' (née Leslie), a son, James Stephen, a brother for William.

PRYOR - Ella Sarah, on January 20th, for Mark and Felicity.

SERGEANT - On 28th January 1995, to Gill (née Harris) and Guy, a son, Daniel Louis Verney, a brother for James.

SERMOL - On January 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Christina (née Venczel) and Peter, a beautiful daughter, Alexandra Clara, a sister for Elizabeth.

DEATHS

BAKER - Mary Ethel M.A. on January 27th, peacefully, aged 88 years. Devoted wife of the late Samuel Henry, dear mother of Rosemary and Elizabeth, grandmother to Jonathan, William, Catherine and Emily, Rose, Alice and Richard. Funeral Service to take place at St Anne's Church, Lewes, on February 6th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to N.S.P.C.C. c/o Cooper & Son, 42 High Street, Lewes, Sussex, tel: (01273) 475557.

BALDWIN - Peacefully, at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary on January 28th 1995, Pamela Brake Baldwin, formerly of Kensington, dearest aunt of James and Rosemary Lochhead and great-aunt of Fiona. Funeral Service at Mortonhall Crematorium Pentland Chapel, Edinburgh, on Wednesday February 1st at 1.15 pm, to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Sir Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children c/o Venetia Fane, Drumwhill, Mossdale, by Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbright, DG7 2NL.

BARRETT LEA - 28 January (peacefully in hospital) Catherine T.S. (Pharmacist) aged 86 years. Beloved wife of the late Frederic Cook Lea (Pharmacist) and dearly loved mother of Rosemarie, Gabriella, Shendon and Elizabeth. Funeral Friday. Friends please meet for service in Holy Family Church, Cockerton at 12.15 followed by interment in the West Cemetery. R.I.P. Floral tributes may be sent to Seaton Lang and Son Ltd., Bondgate, Darlington.

BIRKINSHAW - Florence Edith Jessie, aged 96, on 28th January 1995. Widow of Douglas and mother of Pauline and Keith.

BROWN - On 27th January 1995, peacefully at home, Gordon Walter Brown, Capt. Royal Gurkha Rifles, and former Managing Director of Vann Allen Plc of Weston-by-Welland, Market Harborough, aged 70 years. Beloved husband of Ann, loving father of Edwina and devoted brother of Ted and Bob. Funeral Service at Great Bowden Parish Church on Thursday February 2nd at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for Cancer Research to J. Stamp & Sons Funeral Directors, Market Harborough LE16 8AN, tel: (0858) 462824.

BROWN - On January 27th 1995, peacefully at home, Neville aged 90 years, much loved husband of Ann. Funeral Service at Kettleburgh Church, Suffolk, on Thursday February 2nd at 9.30 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations made payable to Imperial Cancer Research Fund may be sent to Farthing Singleton & Hastings, 650 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4PW.

BULLIMORE - On January 29th suddenly in Hereford, Eileen, formerly of Burgess Hill, Sussex, aged 85 years. Much loved and missed by all her family. The funeral service will be held at Hereford Crematorium on Friday February 3rd at 12 noon. Family flowers only. If desired donations for St Michael's Hospice may be sent to Dawe Bros., 118 Westfaling Street, Hereford.

BURNS - Peacefully at Ballochmyle Hospital on Monday 30th January 1995, Elizabeth, third daughter of the late Mr and Mrs James Burns of Ayr, Scotland.

CARMICHAEL - On January 27th 1995, Lt. Col. Humphrey Rawstorne Carmichael M.C. (Mil.), late of the Dogra Regiment, aged 80. Much loved husband of Betty and the late Theodora. Devoted father of Annabelle and Fiona and grandfather of Anna, Robert and Jamie. Funeral at Bournemouth Crematorium on Friday 3rd February at 11 am for family and close friends only, please. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to Wessex Cancer Trust c/o Diamond & Son, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, Hants.

CLARE - Dublin, January 28th 1995 (Peacefully) at St Vincent's Hospital, Elm Park, Bernard, beloved husband of the late Agnes, deeply regretted by his loving son Anthony, daughters Wyn and Jeanne, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends. Rest in Peace. Funeral today Tuesday after 10.00 o'clock mass at The Church of The Holy Name, Beechwood Avenue, Ranelagh, to Glasnevin Cemetery.

COBBE - On 29th January, peacefully in hospital, Wing Commander Ronald Clarke Cobbe D.S.O. O.B.E. R.A.F. rtd., of Holybourne, Alton, Hants. Funeral at the Park Crematorium, Aldershot, on Monday 6th February at 2pm. Family flowers only by request but in his memory donations to The Pathfinders Association c/o Kemp & Stevens, 93 High Street, Alton, Hants.

DAVIES - Sir Richard Harries, KCVO, CBE, died peacefully at his home in Thorpeness on 29th January. Private family service will be followed soon by a Memorial Service in London.

DEANE - William Henry OBE, on 28th January at Stafford suddenly after a short illness. Husband of the late Marjorie, beloved father of Jane and loving friend of Kathy. Service at 2.15 pm on Friday 3rd February at St Thomas', Walton-on-the-Hill, Stafford, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Macmillan Nurses Fund c/o W Emery & Sons, The Laurels, County Road, Stafford ST16 2PU.

DEWAR - Margaret (Rita), died 26th January 1995, aged 93. "For he that his whole youth denies, is surely dead before he dies" Hugo Dewar. Funeral: 3 pm, Friday 3rd February, Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Balcombe Road, Worth, Crawley.

DODWELL - On January 26th, at home in Chesham, Michael Stephen, loving husband of Catherine, beloved father of Serge and Tanya, dear son of Pat and brother of Judy, Ian and Andrew. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church Street, Chesham, on Friday February 3rd at 11.30 am. Spring flowers to Cooks Funeral Services, Broad Street, Chesham.

DREW - John Alexander on January 26th aged 87. Much loved husband of May Drew. Funeral Service and interment at Sandringham Nethergate Church, Norfolk, on Thursday February 2nd at 10.30 am. Donations to Cancer Research may be sent c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 86 Unthank Road, Norwich.

GILL - On January 28th 1995, Sister Cecilia Mary Gill of the Community of St Andrew, London. Funeral at All Saints Church, Clydesdale Road, W11, on Monday February 6th at 12 noon.

GOOLD - Jeremy Stuart. On January 30th. Much loved husband of Anne and father of Dominic, Ben and James. Funeral Service at St Lawrence's Church, Chobham, Surrey, 11 am Friday 3rd February.

HARRIS - The Hon. Thelma Eirene on Sunday 29th January 1995 in her 93rd year, peacefully, widow of Noel Gordon Harris M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M., 6th daughter of 2nd Baron Airedale and Lady Airedale, dear mother of Joyce, Beryl, Jean and Gordon, loved and loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Wiveliscombe, Taunton, Somerset, Thursday 2nd February 1995 at 2.30 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Messrs E White & Sons, 139 East Reach, Taunton TA1 3HN, (0823) 272183.

HUNT - On Friday 27th January, suddenly at his home in Oxford, Canon Andrew Horton Colin, beloved husband of Pat and loving father of Frances, Colin, James, Martin and Paula. Funeral at St Michael and All Angels, Summertown, Oxford, at 2pm on Thursday February 2nd. Family flowers only. Donations to Church of St Michael and All Angels, Andrew's last place of worship.

ILES - Cyril Ehret, aged 80, peacefully on 27th January at Rowcroft Hospice, Torquay, formerly Administrative Officer Nigeria, Western Region 1940-1957. Funeral Service at Maneton Parish Church February 3rd at 11 am. No flowers but donations if desired to Rowcroft Hospice and towards building the childrens hospice at Fremington. Enquiries to Coombes & Sons, 73 Fore Street, Bovey Tracey, tel: (0626) 833409.

JACOBS - On 27th January at St Thomas' Hospital, Alaric, aged 95 years. Beloved husband of Kathleen, father of Jasper, Harriet and Aurora. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, Roehampton Vale, SW15, on Friday 3rd February at 10.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Authors' Foundation, 84 Drayton Gardens, SW10.

KIWI - Muriel, peacefully on 27th January 1995. Mourned by Veronica, Norman, grandchildren Benedict, Joshua and Olivia, and numerous friends. Cremation has taken place.

MARTIN - Peacefully on January 28th after a courageous and dignified fight against illness, Thomas Ballantyne, much loved husband of Jean, father of Nina and Hilary. Much loved brother of Rena, grandfather of Thomasina and Betty. Funeral Service at St Thomas a Becket Church, Tisbury, on Monday 6th February at 2 pm. Simple family flowers only. Donations if desired to Great Ormond Street Childrens Hospital. Enquiries to I.N. Newman, Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, SP1 1HL, (0722) 413136.

McCREIGHT - On January 29th, peacefully, Patrick Thomas after a courageous fight against cancer. Loved and loving husband of Ruth, beloved father of Joanna, Catherine and Gillian. Service of Thanksgiving on Friday 3rd February at 12 noon at St Mary's Church, Long Wittenham. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for St Mary's Church, Long Wittenham or Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Edward Carter (FD), 107 South Avenue, Abingdon, OX14 1QS.

MILES - On January 26th, Frank Raymond, aged 78. Much loved father of Penelope and John and grandfather of Harriet, Richard, Alexandra, Hester and Edward. Service at St Germain, Bobbingworth on Monday 6th February at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please.

MORRISON - On 27th January, peacefully at a nursing home, aged 90, James Morrison, loving husband of Muriel and father of John, formerly of Sudan Railways 1929 to 1954. Funeral Service 12.30 pm Tuesday 7th February at St Columba's Church, Elson Road, Elson, Gosport, Hampshire. Flowers may be sent to Churcher & Tribbeck, 3 Stoke Road, Gosport PO12 1LT.

MURPHY - On 28th January, Stan Murphy in Wellington, New Zealand, aged 76. Formerly General Manager of the New Zealand Dairy Board (1970-78) and European Representative of the Board (1975-80). Husband of Marion and father of seven children. Funeral took place at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Wellington.

MURPHY - On January 28th, at her home, Highfield, Northumberland, in her 97th year, Betty Mary, MBE (née Grumbly), widow of Sir William Lindsay Murphy KCMG. Funeral at Christ Church, Clifden, Co. Galway, at noon on Saturday February 4th.

NORRIS - On January 26th peacefully at Sutton Manor Nursing Home, Anne Eleanor aged 95, formerly of Melborne Court and Sherborne, daughter of the late Rear Admiral David Norris and the late Mary Norris. Dearest cousin of James and Kathy and sister of John. Also missed by all her family and many friends. Funeral Service at Sherborne Abbey, Dorset, on Thursday February 2nd at 1.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to R.N.L.I. c/o Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester, SO23 0HU.

O'GRADY - John Dudley, peacefully at home 26th January 1995. A Requiem Mass to celebrate Jack's life will be held at 10 am 6th February at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington W8. Family flowers only. Donations to Macmillan Fund, 15-19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ.

RODD - On January 29th peacefully at Devonia House, Yelverton, Charlotte Mary, Commander Sister of the Order of St John of Jerusalem, widow of Captain Arthur Rodd, dear mother of Anne, Valerie and Rosemary and beloved of her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral on February 3rd 12.30 pm at St Paul's, Yelverton. No flowers please. If desired donations to St John's Ophthalmic Hospital c/o Morris Bros., 1 Drake Road, Tavistock, South Devon.

SLEMMINGS - On 27th January, suddenly but peacefully at home, Sir William Kenneth MacLeod, aged 82. Dearly loved husband of Lilian, father of Margaret and Peter, grandfather and brother. A Thanksgiving and Memorial Service will be held at Crown Court Church of Scotland, Russell Street, London WC2 on Saturday 11th March 1995 at 2.30pm. Cremation for family and close friends on Friday 3rd February at 11am, at Randalls Park, Leatherhead. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to British Deaf Association c/o A & E Longhurst, 21 Kingston Road, Ewell, KT17 2DX.

STAMLER - Vivienne Honor, on Friday January 27th 1995, after a long illness. Deeply mourned by her daughter, sons, sister, grandchildren, son-in-law, daughters-in-law, relatives and friends.

STEVENS - A. Edwin Stevens, C.B.E., peacefully in his sleep on 29th January 1995, at the age of 89. Beloved husband of Kathleen and a wonderful father to Peter, David and John. He was greatly loved by his grandchildren. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Esher, on Friday 3rd February at 12 noon, followed by a private family burial in Weybridge. No flowers please. Donations if desired to The Princess Alice Hospice, West End Lane, Esher, Surrey KT10 8NA.

TOLHURST - On January 30th 1995, passed peacefully away at Tilmanstone, Queenie Mabel, aged 92 years, of Sandwich, Kent. Funeral enquiries to J. Dilnot Smith & Son, telephone (01304) 812300.

WHITTAKER - On 28th January, passed peacefully away in hospital, Ernest Alfred, aged 83, of Eastcote, Middlesex, formerly of Hamlin Stowe & Co. Solicitors. Will be sadly missed by many, many people. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, 3rd February 10.30am.

WILSON - On 24th January 1995, suddenly at Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford, but after a long illness courageously borne, Anna Gillian (Gill), dearly loved wife of Fenwick and mother of Julia. Funeral at Danbury Parish Church on Friday 3rd February at 11am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Parkinson's Disease Society c/o Bakers Funeral Service, Eves Corner, Danbury, Chelmsford CM3 4QB.

WILSON - Suddenly at home on Saturday 28th January 1995 Prof. Barrie Wilson, Vice Principal of the University of Edinburgh, husband of Anna and father of Sophia and Alexa and son of Emma. Funeral private. Date of Memorial Service to be announced later.

WOODS - Digby Peter St.John, 24th January 1995, a sudden peaceful death, aged 68. Very dear husband of Bridget, father of Penny, Caroline and Julian, imminent grandfather. Funeral Mass, Christ the King, Burwash, Sussex, Saturday 4th February, 2pm. C. Waterhouse & Sons, (0435) 882219.

WRIGHT - Jack Lynch, died suddenly but peacefully, on 28th January 1995, aged 86. Best beloved husband of Ailsa and much loved father and grandfather. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at St Helen's Church, Cliffe, on Monday 6th February at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Rochester Ward, Medway Hospital, Gillingham, Kent.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CLAYTON - A Memorial Service for Denis Clayton will be held at St Olave's Church, Hart Street, London EC3 on Tuesday 14th February at 12 noon. Donations, if desired, to The Julie Andrews Appeal Fund c/o Robert Avling Funeral Services, 26 South Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 6NY.

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OBITUARIES

GERALD DURRELL



Gerald Durrell, OBE, naturalist and writer, died yesterday aged 70. He was born on January 7, 1925.

GERALD DURRELL was famous for his animal books, his radio and television programmes and his contributions to conservation. The younger brother of the poet and novelist Lawrence Durrell — who amusingly described some of their very youthful exploits with animals — Gerald divided his life into three parts: travelling on expeditions to study animal behaviour in the wild and to rescue endangered species; running his own zoo in Jersey; and writing in the South of France.

Although he completed more than thirty books and a dozen films for television, he regarded writing and film-making as the least important of these activities — merely something he did to fund what he called his real work.

Durrell was an ardent conservationist and a forceful proponent of the view that zoos have a valuable role to play in the process of conservation, both in educating the young and in providing a haven of safety and breeding for endangered species. He founded the Jersey Zoological Park in 1959 and, five years later, the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust about which he wrote in his book *Menagerie Manor* (1964).

Gerald Malcolm Durrell was born at Jamshedpur, India. He was the son of Lawrence Durrell, a civil engineer who built many major bridges in India — and of the former Louisa Dixie. For the next decade the family (there was another son besides Lawrence, and a sister) moved about, and Gerald was educated privately in a variety of foreign countries.

When he was ten they settled in Corfu, and what was to become a lifelong obsession with animals began in earnest ("snakes in the bath and huge flocks of albatrosses flapping about the house, making noises like defective plumbing", his brother later amiably complained). Gerald Durrell described these years on Corfu in *My Family and Other Animals* (1956) and *Birds, Beasts and Relatives* (1969). In these books, which were among his most popular, his style did not reach the sometimes self-conscious heights of his brother's *Alexandrian Quartet*; but, if occasionally a trifle over-facetious, it was lucid and funny.

At the outbreak of the Second World War the family returned to Britain and, at the age of 20, Durrell got work as an assistant at Whipsnade Zoo. He described his time there, and what he learnt, in *Beasts in My Belfry* (1973), by which time his hilarity had got somewhat out of hand; but by the 1970s he needed every penny he could get to finance the various enterprises with which he had become involved.

In 1946, as the result of an inheritance, he was able to become what he had always wanted to be: a collector of animals. He supplied countless zoos, contributing more than 25 new species to the London Zoo alone. His first book, *The Overloaded Ark* (1953), was about his expedition to the British Cameroons in West Africa (1947-48); light-hearted and assured, it became a bestseller as did his second, *Three Singles to Adventure* (1954), describing a journey to what was then British Guiana. These were followed by *A Zoo in My Luggage* (1960), about a return journey to the Cameroons.

On the strength of his royalties he was able in 1958 to borrow £25,000 from his publisher, Rupert Hart-Davis, to start his own zoo in an old stone manor house and 24 acres of land in Jersey. The primary purpose of the zoo was to preserve and to breed species dying out in the wild, in the hope of reintroducing them, eventually, into their traditional native habitat. He dismissed the argument that zoos were cruel as rubbish. "Animals are not furred and feathered humans with concepts of 'freedom'," he said. "Animals roam only as far as they need to for food and water, to find shelter or shade, to mate and protect their young. Yet people go on as though they sit around deep in philosophical thought about what's over the horizon."

Durrell undertook numerous wildlife expeditions, visiting Argentina and Paraguay, Sierra Leone, Mexico, Australia, Mauritius, Assam and Madagascar. Out of these trips came television programmes and books. His first television programme was in 1956 and in 1962 came his first series, *Two in the Bush*. Others included *The Amateur Naturalist* (1983), *Durrell in Russia* (1986) and *Ourselves and Other Animals* (1987).

In 1987, with Sir David Attenborough, he spearheaded a campaign to reverse the decline in the number of barn owls in Britain caused by changing methods of agriculture. His last species-saving expedition was to Madagascar, to capture for its own safety a rare lemur, the aye-aye, which had previously been believed to be extinct.

A flamboyant figure with a bushy beard and white hair, Gerald Durrell had an ebullient personality that enabled him to inspire many people, especially the young, with an enthusiasm for nature. He was a warm-hearted, if not always very subtle, writer who gave genuine pleasure as well as information to countless readers of all sorts. His clutch of books for children were particularly effective. A popular — but never self-righteous — figure in the vanguard of ecology, he was appointed OBE in 1982.

Some years ago he was fitted with artificial hips and last year he underwent a liver transplant, but these operations did little to dim his passion for wildlife.

Gerald Durrell married Jacqueline Rasen in 1951. She wrote a book partly about him, *Beasts in My Bed* (1967). That marriage was dissolved in 1979 and later that year he married Lee Wilson McGeorge who survives him.

EDWIN STEVENS

Edwin Stevens, CBE, founder of Amplivox and a pioneer in the development of hearing aids, died on January 29 aged 89. He was born in Monmouthshire on October 17, 1905.



ALTHOUGH the history of man's attempt to remedy the affliction of poor hearing goes back several hundred years, the work of Edwin Stevens was decisive in banishing for ever the world of the acoustic trumpet and its cartoon associations with instructions yelled into the ears of elderly (and generally peppery) relatives by their offspring. As the designer of the world's first really wearable electronic hearing aid he, for the first time, brought the device into the realm of the practical.

Chairman for 40 years from 1935 of Amplivox, the firm he founded to develop and market his designs, Stevens saw the portable hearing aid gradually refined from being a cumbersome object which weighed several pounds to today's tiny devices which can smuggle, almost invisible, into the ear. Thus the bane of deafness, which consigned millions to an existence of demoralising isolation from their fellows, was to a great extent ameliorated.

Stevens was also a great benefactor. Having owed much of his scientific education to Jesus College, Oxford, he was able, through the wealth created by his hearing aids, to make handsome recompense to his *alma mater*, giving considerable financial support to its building programmes in the 1970s and 1980s.

Arthur Edwin Stevens was born in Monmouthshire and educated at West Monmouth School from where he went to University College, Cardiff, to read physics, graduating in 1927. He then went to Jesus College, Oxford, where he took a further degree in 1929.

After he left Oxford his first job was with the Radio Corporation of America. The era of the silent movie was ending and his work with RCA involved the introduction to the British cinema industry of the "talkies" that were superseding them.

From work on the creation of sound for films it was a short step to amplifying existing sounds for those with bad hearing. In 1935, working in the back bedroom of his house in Edgware, Stevens invented a device — his first electronic hearing aid — which transformed the world of the partially deaf and his own family fortunes. This weighed just over 4 lb, a daunting bulk when compared with today's miniature devices, but nevertheless a great improvement on its predecessors which might weigh anything up to five times as much.

From 1935 Stevens was, as chairman and managing director of Amplivox, in the forefront of the research and development which was over the next four decades to bring down the size of the early ungainly devices to proportions which meant they were virtually invisible to the unsuspecting eye.

In 1970 Stevens sold his company to Racal, remaining for a few more years with the firm before retiring in 1975 to devote himself to the funding of various projects dear to his heart. Chief among recipients of his generosity was Jesus College, Oxford, for which he financed a number of buildings including Stevens Close, a large block of student flats which was opened by the Queen in 1976, and the Habakkuk Room, a conference and seminar hall, opened in 1988.

His other benefactions were to the Princess Alice Hospital, Esher, Surrey, where he was known for a large number of other charitable donations. He also founded the Royal Society of Medicine's Edwin Stevens Lectures for the Laity in 1970.

Stevens was appointed CBE for his charitable work in 1979 and made an honorary fellow of both University College, Cardiff, and of the Royal Society of Medicine. He was also an Hon LLD of the University of Wales.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen and by three sons, one of whom is Lord Stevens of Ludgate, chairman of United Newspapers.

PHILIP BURTON

Philip Burton, teacher, mentor and legal guardian of Richard Burton, died on January 28 aged 90. He was born on November 30, 1904.



Philip Burton with Richard Burton in Cannes

PHILIP BURTON was Richard Burton's legal guardian and the man who moulded the young Richard Jenkins, as he then was, into a great stage actor. His influence was enormous, and one which Richard Burton acknowledged at every opportunity in adult life. He gave the boy not only a grounding in Shakespeare, voice training and his stage name but, more importantly, the conviction that to act professionally was an appropriate ambition for a Welsh miner's son whose main passion was rugby football.

They met during the war at Port Talbot Secondary School, where the donnish Philip was teaching English. The young Jenkins enjoyed the lessons which rarely followed the syllabus. Having joined Burton's ATC squadron, he saw to it that he did fire-watch duty on the same nights as his teacher. A passionate but chaste friendship followed, based on a shared love of drama and poetry, and Richard moved into the same lodging house as Philip.

The voice lessons were arduous — "pure hell" as Richard later described them. The two would walk up into the hills where Richard would recite from *Henry V*, Philip walking further and further away from him, forcing Richard to make himself heard without shouting: "He soon learnt that it was distinctness, not volume, that mattered."

These were the only formal voice lessons Richard Burton received and within ten years they had taken him to Stratford-upon-Avon. Philip Burton coached him through his first performances at school and with the YMCA, including the taxing one of Professor Higgins in *Pygmalion*, for which he dropped all hint of a Welsh accent. Finally, Richard became Philip Burton's legal ward. Legal adoption had been ruled out as Philip Burton was slightly too young to be the boy's legal "father", but Richard took Burton's name by deed poll and always regarded him as a father. When he was told that his father had died in 1957, his first reaction was "which?"

The formalisation of their relationship enabled Philip Burton to arrange for Richard to study at Exeter College, Oxford, for six months before joining the RAF. After the war Philip Burton, by then working in Cardiff as a BBC producer, got Richard his first parts in radio drama. He also arranged for Richard's leave of absence from the RAF, so that he could appear in a television screening of *The Corn is Green* (1946).

Philip Burton was, like Richard, the son of a Welsh miner. He read history and mathematics at his local university college and then settled in Port Talbot as a teacher, much respected and slightly feared locally. He adored the stage and sent his own plays, without success, to West End managements. He also freelanced as a producer, writer and actor at the BBC's studios in Cardiff. He had, by his own admission, a Pygmalion — even a Svengali — complex, and enjoyed concentrating on a few talented pupils. Before Richard, his biggest success had been Owen Jones, a local boy who had won a scholarship to RADA and gone on to play Laertes to Olivier's Hamlet at the Old Vic.

Philip Burton remained the man to whom Richard Burton turned for acting advice, particularly with Shakespeare. Having moved to the United States himself after Cardiff, Philip was well placed to give it. He first settled in New York, where he founded the American Music and Dramatic Academy, and later in Key West, Florida. In 1960, when Moss Hart collapsed on the pre-Broadway tour of *Camelot*, Philip Burton took over at the last moment as director. He considerably tightened up the show.

He was not impressed by his protégé's decision to quit the London stage for Hollywood, nor by his leaving his first wife, Sybil, for Elizabeth Taylor. But he eventually accepted both situations, and became as fond of Taylor — and Burton's two subsequent wives — as he had been of the first. After his retirement to Florida, he wrote books, published his memoirs and gave many interviews, surrounded by photographs of the young Richard Burton in his various stage roles.

He never married.

LORD REIGATE



Lord Reigate, who as John Vaughan-Morgan was the Conservative MP for Reigate, 1950-70, died on January 26 aged 89. He was born on February 2, 1905.

LORD REIGATE was a typical example of the old-style Tory Knight of the Shires during the 20 years he sat in the Commons, the last ten of them as Sir John Vaughan-Morgan. He was instinctively loyal to all the five Tory leaders under whom he served. He was a Butlerite by inclination, reformist, broad-minded and pragmatic and was genuinely popular on both sides of the House.

He came from a family which founded the firm of Morgan Crucible, of which he was a director for many years. His grandfather was one of five brothers who began Morgan Crucible, makers of industrial products, in the 1850s and Lord Reigate was the last Morgan to sit on the board.

It was in London that he began his political career, becoming a member of Chelsea Borough Council in 1928 and later serving as chairman of the East Fulham Conservative Association, of which he was subsequently president.

The war interrupted his political progress — he joined the Welsh Guards in 1940 and ended as a lieutenant-colonel in northwest Europe. Almost immediately after demobilisation he was elected to the old London County Council. He entered the House in the first postwar general election in 1950 for the blue-ribbon seat of Reigate, which he held without difficulty in every subsequent election until he retired in 1970. In the Commons he was a dependable though unspectacular performer. He became Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health in the first Macmillan Government and was promoted almost immediately to be Minister of State at the Board of Trade. After Macmillan won the 1959 election John Vaughan-Morgan left the Government and did not hold office again.

He was created a baronet in 1960 and became a Privy Counsellor in 1961. His peerage appeared in Harold Wilson's 1970 Dissolution Honours but he was a Heath nomination.

His public service was far from being confined to the Commons. He was a dedicated member of the board of governors of Westminster Hospital and served as its chairman for more than ten years. He was deputy chairman of South Westminster Justices and a member of the Merchant Taylors Company where he became Master in 1970. But he was essentially a hard-working constituency MP, something which was recognised when he was granted the freedom of Reigate.

He was married in 1946 to Emily Cross, of New York. She survives him together with their two daughters.

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Later reports revealed that the Crown Prince had committed suicide together with his young mistress Marie Vetsara. Rumours maintained that he was murdered because of his sympathies with the Hungarian nationalist cause.

[THE MEYERLING TRAGEDY]
DEATH OF THE CROWN PRINCE OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.
VIENNA, JAN.30.

The news was circulated in Vienna to-day, between 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, that Crown Prince Rudolph was dead.

In an incredibly short space of time the three principal streets of the inner town, the Kohlmarkt, the Graben, and Kärnthner-strasse, were filled with people hurrying to inquire whether these tidings were true. The first intelligence had reached the Bourse, but the first editions of the afternoon newspapers, which appear at 2 o'clock, said nothing of the sad event. At about this hour, however, bill-stickers were seen pasting notices over the wall placards of the Opera and the Court Theatre, announcing that, owing to the death of his Imperial Highness the Crown Prince, there would be no performances to-night. A few minutes later the newspaper carriers were selling special editions with deep black borders, right and left, to crowds of buyers.

The Crown Prince died of apoplexy in the night, and was found dead in his bed at 8 o'clock this morning, in his villa of Meyerling, near Baden. Such was the official account given me at the Home Office at 2 o'clock, and it was afterwards confirmed in the official notices sent out to the newspapers. Of course, however, several other versions were current. It was rumoured that there was a wound in the Prince's neck, that he had fallen from horseback, and that he had been accidentally shot. It is of no use to discuss these various statements, in face of the positive announcement issued on Government responsibility, that the Prince, although he was but 30 years old, and apparently in the flower of manly strength, died of apoplexy. One of the first to be officially informed of the Prince's death was the British Ambassador, Sir Augustus Paget, for there was to have been a ball at the British Embassy this evening, and an intimation of what had happened was instantly sent to the Metternichgasse. Of course the Embassy ball was countermanded. It may be added that one of the last persons with whom the Prince conversed at some length in Vienna was Lady Paget. He spoke with her Excellency for some time at Princess Reuss's reception last Sunday, and seemed then to be in the best health and spirits. He was wearing the uniform of his Prussian regiment, and as he had some time ago shaved off his beard, so that he no longer presented the appearance familiar to those who know him only by his photographs, many failed to recognize him, and wondered who was the Prussian officer that talked with Princess Reuss's guests . . .

Herr von Wellen, who was one of the Prince's oldest friends, informs me that for some time past he has felt uneasy about the Prince. Archduke Rudolph seemed smitten with a presentiment of death. This is a remarkable fact, but I mention it because it is vouched for by a gentleman who spoke about it to-day in the first burst of his emotion, and who I am sure was not deceived by his imagination. Councillor von Wellen was in fact much more than an ordinary member of the Prince's household. Many a time he was one of the small party of three — including himself, the Crown Prince, and the Crown Princess — who went on summerday excursions to the groves of Laxenburg, and lunched together under the trees near the well-known lake.

Yesterday the Crown Prince was to have dined at Court, but telegraphed from Meyerling that he was unwell, and unable to come. The story runs that he was to have gone out shooting this morning, but that his attendants, hearing no answer when they knocked at his door, burst the door open, and found him dead in bed . . .

NEWS

Hurd defies Euro critics

■ *Douglas Hurd struggled to restore his authority and to contain a fresh outbreak of Conservative turmoil over Europe by dismissing fears that he would be forced out of the Cabinet and be replaced by a Euro-sceptic.*

The Foreign Secretary fought back against rightwing claims that he was "yesterday's man" and said that he could see a "good many tomorrows". But there was fresh evidence of the Cabinet's strengthened Euro-sceptic line.....**Page 1**

Dutch flee from floods

■ The Netherlands prepared the biggest civilian evacuation for 40 years as rising rivers threatened tens of thousands of people in the eastern Gelderland province. Roads were clogged as thousands of cars, buses and army lorries headed out of the stricken area.....**Pages 1, 14**

Durrell dies

Gerald Durrell, the naturalist and author of many books, including *My Family and Other Animals*, died in hospital in Jersey, aged 70.....**Page 1**

Bishop quits

The Bishop of Portsmouth is resigning to become a novice monk. He vehemently denied the decision had any connection with being included in a list of homosexual clergy by gay activists.....**Pages 1, 3**

'Gladiator' sacked

Jefferson King — "Shadow" of the television programme *Gladiators* — has been sacked from the show after admitting to taking banned body-building anabolic steroid drugs.....**Page 2**

£1m for grief

A successful businessman who became a helpless recluse after his two daughters were killed in a car accident received more than £1 million compensation..**Page 3**

Flu that isn't

Britain is wheezing through a severe bout of what may feel like influenza but isn't. Sufferers are more likely to have respiratory infections, at their highest level since 1989.....**Page 1**

Skipping school

More than a tenth of Scotland's schoolchildren are absent from school each day, official figures show.....**Page 9**

Bomb horror

A huge bomb blast in Algiers killed dozens of people and wounded more than a hundred. *The blast, the worst attack in the* escalating civil war, came after a warning by Islamic militants of more killings.....**Page 15**

Free parking

Electric cars will have free meter parking in central London under an anti-pollution scheme that claims to be the first of its kind in Europe.....**Page 7**

Secrecy quiz

The most secretive of Britain's three intelligence services, GCHQ, is to emerge from the shadows to appear before a new parliamentary committee of *watchdogs*.....**Page 8**

PoWs sue

A British-led mission to Japan of former Allied prisoners of war filed a compensation suit for trauma suffered at the hands of the Japanese army.....**Page 5**

Chechenia plea

A European team of inspectors called on Russia to halt its savage assault on Chechenia after they *visited the besieged capital of* Grozny.....**Page 12**

Gold unrest

A series of strikes by goldminers involving bloodshed, protests and arrests is threatening to undermine foreign investment in South Africa.....**Page 16**

It's you, Blackburn ... again

■ Blackburn became the unofficial lottery capital of Britain as its second major winner in as many months bagged a hefty jackpot win and brought the town's total share of lottery bounty to well over £20 million. A single, unemployed mother aged 28 who owns neither home nor car won £2.3 million in this week's lottery.....**Page 1**

JASPER JUINEN



Grocery shop owners surveying damage caused by rising floods from the Maas at Venlo in the eastern Netherlands. **Pages 1, 14**

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Power bid: Trafalgar House, the engineering-to-shipping conglomerate bidding £1.2 billion for Northern Electric, *attacked its target's* management.....**Page 25**

Home loans: *The number of borrowers* taking out fixed-rate mortgages has slumped from three quarters to a third, reports the British Bankers' Association...**Page 25**

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American artist: A quarter of a *century has passed since Britain* staged a substantial Donald Judd exhibition. Now the Museum of Modern Art in Oxford presents a far more rounded view.....**Page 33**

Ears have it: The best way to appreciate the Metropolitan Opera's new *Simon Boccanegra* is to close your eyes and listen to the glorious sounds of Placido Domingo and Kiri Te Kanawa.....**Page 34**

Mixed bag: From former Communist countries come impenetrable parables with much barbed wire; from America come sketchy low-budget films: Geoff Brown on the Rotterdam Film Festival...**Page 35**

March of progress: Conventional wisdom accounts parades as mere spectacles, not as art forms. Yet the Indian Republic Day parade turns such wisdom on its unturbanned head.....**Page 33**

The £1 million spent by the Smithsonian Institute refurbishing the *Enola Gay* [aircraft that carried the Hiroshima atomic bomb] will be wasted if the plane is displayed without insight into Harry Truman's controversial decision to drop the bomb. *USA Today*

Gen Sir Michael Rose, whose one-year tenure as UN commander in Bosnia ended last week, had a thankless assignment. *The New York Times*



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■ **DRESSING UP**
Iain R. Webb on the ultimate wardrobe from the Paris catwalks

■ **TEE UP**
A 24-page supplement launching the 1995 Corporate Golf Challenge

TV LISTINGS

Preview: The popular Derbyshire doctors are back with a gripping plot about a school party trapped in a lead mine. *Peak Practice* (ITV, 9pm). **Review:** Peter Barnard relishes the tale of the wronged wife, *the itching powder* and the underpants.....**Page 47**

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Today and yesterday

The onus should be on those in favour of closer European integration to argue persuasively for it.....**Page 21**

Small blunder

History will judge whether the Sinn Fein leader's strategy is brave, deeply manipulative or both.....**Page 21**

Justice at sea

Most *QE2* passengers emerged *from their Christmas trip* unscathed even if rightly disgruntled — and for once, found their neighbours avid for every detail of their trip.....**Page 21**

BERNARD LEVIN

A thought: is there ever, has there ever been, is there any chance that there ever might be in the future a *mistake in the* banking and building society *system on the side of the customer*? Oh, well; it was only a thought.....**Page 20**

MALCOLM RIFKIND

The defence of its citizens is the most fundamental responsibility of a *national government*. We may choose to exercise our responsibilities through coalition action with partners, but it is a national government's duty to answer to national parliaments if troops' lives may be at risk.....**Page 20**

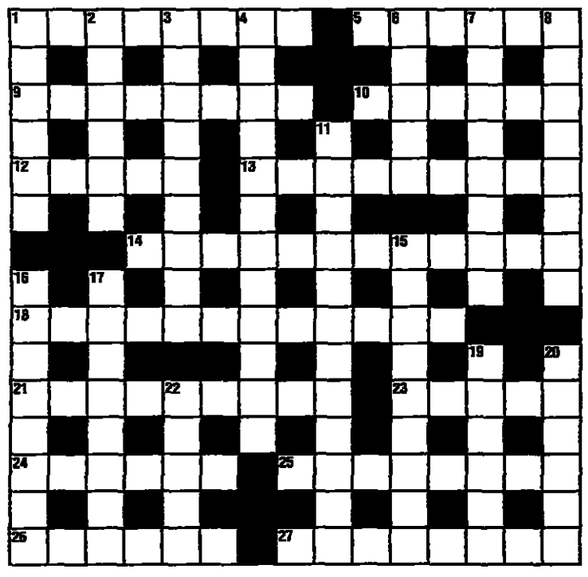
PETER RIDDELL

Lord Nolan's comments have caused a flurry of concern among ministers and senior MPs. Parliament has a case to answer.....**Page 10**

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2 In the plaza, leafy rhododendron flourished (6).
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Minehead, Somerset, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Loch Glascarnoch, Highland, 0C (32F); highest rainfall: Fishguard, Dyfed, 0.80in, highest sunshine: Lerwick, Shetland, 4.0hr

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.41 am — Sun sets: 4.48 pm

Moon sets: 5.59 pm — Moon rises: 7.27 am

First quarter February 7

London 4.48 pm to 7.40 am
Bristol 4.57 pm to 7.49 am
Edinburgh 4.43 pm to 8.08 am
Manchester 4.49 pm to 7.55 am
Penzance 5.14 pm to 7.57 am

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FORECASTS

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be cloudy with rain at times, which will be heaviest in the north. It will be lighter and more patchy for a time in the south.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be brighter with showers but also rain at times, chiefly over southern Scotland and Northern Ireland.

☐ **London, E Anglia, E Midlands, W Midlands:** mainly cloudy with *drizzle at times. Winds strong* southwesterly. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **SE England, Central S England, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** it will be cloudy with mainly light rain or drizzle, which will become more persistent later. Winds strong to gale force southwesterly. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **E England, Central N, NE England, Borders:** rain at times. Winds strong southwesterly, perhaps touching gale force. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, N Ireland:** rain, heavy at times. Clearer, showery weather spreading from the northwest later. Winds strong *to gale force southwesterly*, moderating for a time. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** *sunny intervals and showers*, but also some rain, mainly in the south. Winds strong to gale force southwesterly. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain will clear southeast England on Wednesday, then all areas will have brighter weather.

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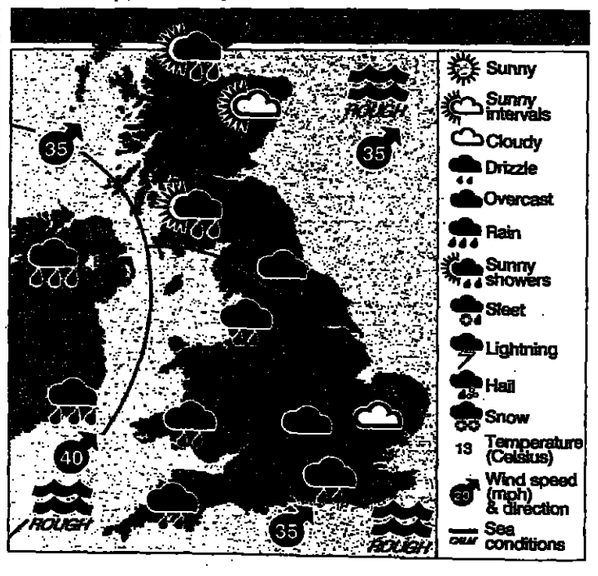
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	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F	
Aberdeen	0.5	0.15	2	36	sn	Leuchars	2.0	0.01	4	39	r
Anglesey	0.1	0.14	8	46	r	Liverpool	1.9	0.03	7	45	r
Aspatria	1.8	0.05	5	41	c	London	0.1	0.43	12	54	r
Aviemore	-	0.13	1	34	sn	Lowestoft	-	0.09	9	48	r
Belfast	x	x	5	41	c	Manchester	1.6	0.24	8	46	d
Birmingham	0.1	0.06	9	48	r	Margate	-	0.19	12	54	r
Bognor R	0.2	0.30	11	52	r	Minehead	1.6	0.35	13	55	sh
Bournemth	-	0.16	12	54	sh	Morecambe	2.2	0.08	7	45	sh
Bristol	0.3	0.61	11	52	r	Newcastle	x	x	6	43	sh
Buxton	-	0.48	5	41	c	Norwich	-	0.05	9	48	r
Cardiff	0.1	0.31	10	50	r	Nottingham	0.2	0.09	8	46	sh
Clacton	-	0.57	9	48	r	Oxford	0.2	0.29	11	52	r
Colwyn Bay	-	0.12	3	48	d	Penzance	0.7	0.40	12	54	r
Cromer	0.3	0.01	9	48	c	Plymouth	0.5	0.25	11	52	r
Eastbourne	-	0.41	11	52	r	Poole	0.1	0.22	12	54	r
Edinburgh	0.1	0.05	4	39	r	Scarboro'	-	0.02	7	45	c
Eskdalemuir	3.2	0.09	3	37	sn	Scilly Isles	1.4	0.22	12	54	c
Exmouth	0.1	0.15	12	54	c	Shanklin	-	0.30	11	52	c
Fishguard	-	0.80	9	48	r	Shrewsbury	1.2	0.08	10	50	c
Folkestone	0.2	0.30	11	52	r	Skegness	-	0.01	10	50	c
Glasgow	2.5	0.01	6	43	c	Southend	1.0	0.35	11	52	r
Guernsey	-	0.43	12	54	sh	Southport	1.9	0.04	7	45	r
Hastings	-	0.26	10	50	r	Stornoway	3.3	0.28	3	37	sh
Hove	-	x	10	50	r	Teignmouth	0.6	0.18	13	55	sh
Hunstanton	0.4	0.02	7	45	c	Tenby	-	0.74	11	52	c
Isle of Man	1.7	0.06	8	46	c	Torquay	0.1	0.18	12	54	c
Jersey	-	0.34	11	52	r	Tynemouth	-	-	5	41	d
Kinloss	0.5	0.43	3	37	sn	Ventnor	0.1	0.24	10	50	sh
Leeds	0.2	0.02	8	46	d	Weymouth	-	0.20	10	50	c
Lerwick	4.0	0.03	0	32	sn	These are Sunday's figures					

ABROAD

Ajaccio	14	57	f	Corfu	14	57	f	Majorca	16	64	f
Alcudia	15	59	s	Dublin	5	41	r	Malaga	20	68	s
Alex'dria	17	63	c	Dubrovnik	11	52	c	Malta	16	61	r
Algiers	18	64	f	Faro	17	63	c	Melb'rne	28	82	f
Amst'dm	5	41	s	Florence	10	50	r	Mexico C	20	68	s
Athens	17	63	s	Frankfurt	6	43	c	Miami	27	81	f
Bahrain	18	64	f	Funchal	18	64	f	Milan	-	8	43
Barbados	29	84	s	Geneva	9	48	r	Montreal	-7	19	-
Barcelona	16	61	f	Gibraltar	16	61	c	Moscow	-2	36	c
Beirut	16	61	f	Helsinki	-5	23	sn
Belgrade	13	55	s	Hong K	22	54	f
Berlin	3	37	r	Innsbruck	3	37	r
Bermuda	17	63	r	Istanbul	11	52	s
Biarritz	13	55	f	Jeddah	29	84	s
Borda'x	12	54	c	Jo'burg	25	84	s
Brussels	5	41	s	Karachi	29	84	s
Budapst	8	46	f	L Palmas	19	66	f
B Aires	26	79	s	Le Toquet	8	46	r
Cairo	19	66	f	Lisbon	16	61	c
Cape Tn	-	-	-	Locarno	6	43	c
Chicago	-2	28	c	L Angels	18	64	s
Ch'church	19	66	s	Luxembg	3	37	c
Cologne	4	39	s	Luxor	23	73	s
Cyprus	0	32	s	Madrid	13	55	f
Majorca	16	64	f	Rome	13	55	r
Malaga	20	68	s	Salzburg	7	45	f
Malta	16	61	f	S F'isco	13	55	s
Melb'rne	28	82	f	Santiago	27	81	s
Mexico C	20	68	s	S Paulo	23	73	r
Miami	27	81	f	Seoul	-3	27	s
Milan	-	8	43	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Montreal	-7	19	-	St'kholm	-8	18	c
Moscow	-2	36	c	Strasb'rg	9	48	c
Munich	9	48	c	Sydney	27	81	s
Nairobi	26	79	s	Tangier	15	59	r
Naples	14	57	r	Tel Aviv	18	64	s
N Delhi	20	68	s	Tenerife	19	66	s
N York	-1	30	s	Tokyo	6	43	c
Nice	14	57	s	Toronto	-5	23	f
Oslo	-8	18	s	Tunis	16	61	f
Paris	5	41	c	Valencia	20	68	f
Peking	2	36	s	Vanc'ver	11	52	r
Perth	27	81	s	Venice	7	45	c
Prague	7	45	r	Vienna	5	41	f
Reykjavik	4	39	r	Warsaw	6	43	r
Rhodes	13	55	f	Wash'ton	1	34	s
Rio de J	25	77	f	Wellington	16	64	c
Riyadh	22	72	s	Zurich	7	45	r

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: low Y will drift northeast and fill; low R will move east; high A will build and move slowly west; high B will lose its identity



TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1:32	7.20	1:59	7.41	Leith	2:33	5.59	2:51	5.75
Aberdeen	1:16	4.40	1:28	4.55	Liverpool	11:21	9.87	11:49	9.57
Avonmouth	7:21	13.77	7:46	13.66	Lowestoft	9:44	2.46	9:45	2.60
Belfast	11:14	3.72	11:42	3.51	Margate	-	-	0:23	4.68
Cardiff	7:20	12.76	7:41	12.76	Milford Haven	6:16	7.32	6:40	7.16
Devonport	5:51	5.63	6:22	5.42	Newquay	5:07	7.07	5:31	6.94
Dover	11:12	6.65	11:29	6.81	Oban	5:53	4.22	6:09	3.95
Dublin	11:42	4.40	-	-	Penzance	4:46	5.88	5:08	5.47
Falmouth	5:25	5.38	5:50	5.11	Portland	6:52	2.28	7:17	2.07
Glasgow	0:27	4.69	0:45	4.89	Portsmouth	11:28	4.83	11:59	4.95
Harwich	-	-	0:07	4.08	Shoreham	11:30	6.47	11:57	6.83
Holyhead	10:23	5.91	10:54	5.60	Southampton	10:54	4.73	11:22	4.88
Hull	9:28	7.43	9:53	7.72	Swansea	6:34	9.80	6:59	9.63
Ilfracombe	6:07	9.77	6:30	9.95	Tees	3:46	5.44	3:59	5.59
King's Lynn	6:13	6.78	6:30	7.18	Wilton-on-Nze	-	-	0:03	4.22

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Hoechst rules itself out as Wellcome white knight

BY GEORGE SIVELL AND COLIN NARBROUGH

HOECHST, the world's fourth-largest drugs group, says it will not emerge as a white knight for Wellcome to save it from Glaxo's £9.2 billion bid. Meanwhile, speculation grew that Hoechst is negotiating a $7 billion bid for Marion Merrell Dow, the American pharmaceuticals company.

Hoechst said it would not bid for Wellcome, but declined to comment on reports that it is looking at Marion Merrell Dow, which is 71 per cent owned by Dow Chemical.

Dow has already confirmed that Marion Merrell is up for sale and Hoechst told its shareholders in November that it was "under weight" in America. Hoechst is unlikely, however, to make a big corporate move until after its next management board meeting in early March.

Marion Merrell Dow, based in Kansas City, retained investment bankers last August to "explore a variety of options" including the selling of the company. There were to be "no geographical restrictions" on where a potential buyer was based, confirming that European pharmaceutical giants were being considered. Dow, however, declined to comment on reports of the Hoechst tie-up.

Wellcome, meanwhile, is expected by the market to rush out its full-year results for 1994 as part of efforts to establish that the Glaxo bid undervalues the company and its prospects. Full-year results were originally due in the first week in March, but that may prove too late — even if the Glaxo offer document is delayed until next week.

Before the Glaxo bid the market had expected Wellcome to raise pre-tax profits by almost 20 per cent from £624 million to £720 million. Analysts believe that by pulling out all the stops Wellcome will now be able to achieve a figure of about £735 million, which would be at the top of the range of stockbrokers' forecasts.

Wellcome shares yesterday fell 17p to 981p, a discount to the Glaxo offer, worth £10.08 share a yesterday, indicating the market's belief that having secured the backing of the charitable Wellcome Trust, which owns almost 40 per cent of the company, Glaxo is likely to win.

Glaxo is offering £722 cash and 47 Glaxo shares for each 100 Wellcome shares. Glaxo slipped 7p to 610p yesterday. The Wellcome board has set itself the target of finding a friendly white knight bidder within 21 days of the Glaxo offer document appearing.

The market is doubtful that Wellcome can find a white knight to outbid Glaxo in time, but it has narrowed the potential candidates down to Johnson & Johnson, the American consumer products group, Roche, Merck, the American pharmaceutical giant, Pfizer and Bristol-Myers Squibb of America. Pfizer is believed to have talked to the Wellcome Trust about a potential offer last year, but was unwilling to pay more than £9 a share.

Both Glaxo and Wellcome will have an interest in America's National Conference on Aids in Washington, where the latest clinical trial data on drugs to treat the condition are released.

Wellcome's AZT, which is a basis for the chemical cocktails used to treat Aids, will be looked at closely along with Glaxo's 3TC, which is being tested in combination with AZT. Glaxo intends to file for approval for 3TC later this year.

Walls misses out on options bonanza

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

RUSSELL WALLS, the finance director of Wellcome who joined the company days before Glaxo launched its hostile bid, has missed out on a generous share option scheme because he arrived in the new job during the so-called closed season.

Other Wellcome directors enjoy lucrative share options and employment contracts. Seven of them should collect £10 million in share options and contract termination agreements if the bid is successful, £6 million of which is in share option entitlements.

Mr Walls took up his new job on New Year's day, leaving his position as finance director of Coats Viyella. If Glaxo succeeds, he should benefit from the early termination of his standard two-year rolling service contract. The company declined to comment on the size of his basic salary, but it is thought to be in the region of £300,000.

However, since he joined the company after the end of its financial year, and before the publication of its financial results, directors' share dealings are prohibited and he has not yet been awarded share options.

Wellcome had expected to publish its results at the beginning of March and the share committee would normally sit in the three trading days after publication of the resultsto grant further share options as it saw fit.

The Glaxo bid values Wellcome at £8.7 billion, but the full cost of the bid would be £500 million higher once all the Wellcome share options have been exercised.

At August 31, 1994, Wellcome directors and staff had options over 45.1 million shares, according to the company's last annual accounts, and stand to make a profit of £170 million if Glaxo's bid is successful.

The executive scheme had options over 12.4 million shares.

John Robb, chairman and chief executive, had options over 250,756 shares, worth £2.6 million. He would make a profit of £1.54 million if he exercised the options and then sold at Glaxo's offer price. He also owns a further 13,750 shares. (Pennington, page 27.)

Trafalgar attacks Northern record

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

TRAFALGAR HOUSE, the engineering-to-shipping conglomerate bidding £1.2 billion for Northern Electric, has attacked its target's management and performance and claims that profits from the main business are set to slide.

In a circular to Northern shareholders, Trafalgar states that the company's record since privatisation is "one of indifferent cost control and relatively high tariff increases for domestic customers".

Trafalgar says that profits from Northern's distribution business "are widely expected to fall after April 1", while the sustainability of earnings from other activities was "questionable". From that date, Northern faces a tougher regime of price controls set by Professor Stephen Littlechild, the industry regulator.

The bid for Northern is under consideration at the Office of Fair Trading, which must advise the Government whether to allow it through or refer it to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for a lengthier consideration.

The OFT has heard the views of the regulator. Nigel Rich, Trafalgar's chief executive, said he expected the bid to be cleared by the OFT, although market-watchers are divided on the issue.

In its document, Trafalgar makes a promise to maintain Northern Electric's head office in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and to keep the company as a stand-alone business.

The conglomerate says that Northern's operating costs in the distribution and supply businesses have risen 21 per cent since the 1990 privatisation, although Northern says that this was a result of rapid expansion of the supply side.

Trafalgar also says that tariffs to Northern's domestic customers have risen 11 per cent over the same period, a figure that the electricity company says does not take account of customer rebates.

The Trafalgar document reveals that the sale of its Cunard Princess cruise ship raised $35 million. The group said that the sale to Elioni Shipping Company was due to be completed in May.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	2995.9	(–26.3)
Yield	4.32%	
FT-SE A All share	1483.45	(–10.89)
Nikkei	18752.88	(+648.53)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3834.78	(–23.21)*
S&P Composite	468.39	(–2.00)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 11/16%	(5%%)
Long Bond	97 1/32	(97 1/32)
Yield	7.76%*	(7.73%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 5/16%	(6 5/16%)
Lffe long gilt future (Mar)	101 1/4	(101 11/32)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5935*	(1.5695)
London:		
$	1.5939	(1.5885)
DM	2.3974	(2.4074)
FFr	8.3160	(8.3515)
SFr	2.0216	(2.0242)
Yen	158.75	(157.74)
£ Index	79.9	(80.0)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5038*	(1.5150)
FFr	5.2175*	(5.2595)
SFr	1.2670*	(1.2735)
Yen	98.35*	(99.37)
$ Index	62.3	(62.4)

Tokyo close Yen 99.18

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Apr) $16.45 ($16.35)

GOLD

London close $375.96 ($377.75)

* denotes midday trading price

JOHN HOULIHAN



Cold comfort: Mild weather at the start of the year failed to damp profits at Motor World, the car parts and accessories group. Darrell Kershaw, managing director, reported a leap at pre-tax level to £4.5 million from £3.6 million in the year to October 30

Money supply surprise unlikely to tilt rates decision

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE supply of banknotes and coins in circulation fell this month, surprising City forecasters. However, the reduction is unlikely to tip the balance against an interest rate rise if the Bank of England recommends one on Thursday, when the Governor meets the Chancellor.

Narrow money M0, which includes notes and coins in circulation and bankers' working balances, slipped by a seasonally adjusted 0.3 per cent in January. This took its annual rate of growth down to 6.4 per cent, from 6.8 per cent in December.

M0, because of its cash component, is often seen as having a close relationship with retail sales, although this relationship did not work well last year. Some economists yesterday argued that the drop in M0 in January suggested that, after healthy sales in the run-up to Christmas, activity had tailed off.

This might marginally persuade Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, the Governor, to err on the side of caution in discussing interest rates at their monthly monetary meeting on Thursday. However, the importance of M0, which has been consistently above target during the recovery, has been downgraded repeatedly by the authorities, which give far more weight to other indicators.

These indicators, including price rise intentions in Confederation of British Industry surveys, December's higher than expected producer and retail prices figures and fourth-quarter figures for gross domestic product showing scarcely any slowing in economic growth at the end of 1994, all weigh for a rate rise.

A report by NTC Research to be published this week suggests that prices, though not necessarily overall inflation, may be about to turn at a greater rate than many have been expecting, but that these price rises may not necessarily be significant.

A base rate decision may come after Thursday's meeting or after the next monthly meeting, when Mr Clarke and Mr George have the benefit of January's economic data.

The problem with basing policy decisions on December data — and yesterday's M0 figures are no exception — is that it is notoriously hard to seasonally adjust figures at this time of year. Most economists yesterday said that the M0 figure was in all likelihood distorted by seasonal adjustment problems.

Also issued yesterday were figures for mortgage lending by banks — again, hard to interpret because they are not seasonally adjusted. Major British banks made gross loans of £1.44 billion in December, nearly 10 per cent lower than the underlying amount in November. The value of new approvals fell from £1.42 billion in November to £1.16 billion. The British Bankers' Association said that these declines were probably wholly seasonal.

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Market falls below 3,000

The FT-SE 100 index fell below the 3,000-mark yesterday, dragged down by March futures. The March Future FT-SE 100 also fell below 3,000, tumbling 38 points to 2,993. In the cash market, the FT-SE 100 fell 26.3 to close at 2,995.9. Dealers said that the stock market was nervous of the prospect of interest rate rises in America, where the Federal Open Market Committee meets this week, and in Britain when the Chancellor and the Governor meet on Thursday. Page 28

Fewer take fixed-rate mortgages

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE number of borrowers taking out fixed-rate mortgages has slumped from three out of four to one in three, according to the latest figures from the British Bankers' Association.

Lenders borrow money in the wholesale money markets to fund fixed rate mortgages, and these markets are now betting on an interest rate rise in the near future. This has pushed the cost of borrowing fixed-rate money much closer to the prevailing cost of a variable rate mortgage, at around 8.35 to 8.4 per cent.

Lenders are also wooing borrowers away from cheaper fixed-rate loans into discounted mortgage packages with a cash discount sweetner. Ian Darby, a director of John Charcol, an independent mortgage adviser, said: "The price of fixed-rate loans has moved up in anticipation of future base rate rises. The present cost of a five-year fixed mortgage is now around 9.5 per cent, compared with 6.75 per cent a year ago."

£20,000 fine for 'blatant dishonesty' with employers and SFA

Expelled finance officer fled to Russia

BY JON ASHWORTH

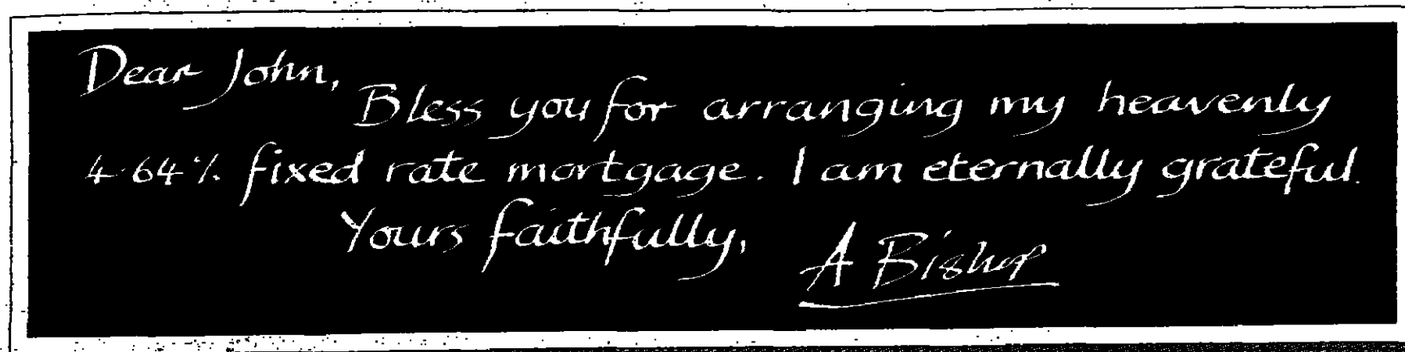
A CITY finance officer who falsified documents in an attempt to obtain up to £1 million has been expelled by the Securities and Futures Authority. Andrew Stuart Rooke, former operations manager at Bayerische Landesbank Girozentrale (BLG), is understood to have fled to Russia. The matter has been referred to the City of London police.

Mr Rooke has been fined £20,000 and ordered to pay costs of £5,000 for "blatant dishonesty" in his dealings with the SFA and his German employers. He was dismissed in July 1993 after it emerged that he had forged a letter to his solicitors to the effect that BLG would be paying £1 million for his benefit. This was not the case.

It subsequently turned out that Mr Rooke had a criminal record. He was convicted in 1987 of eight offences including obtaining property by deception, forgery and use of false documentation. He had failed to disclose the conviction on his SFA application form. In addition, he had claimed that he was a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, had seven GCE A-level passes, had attended various centres of learning, had acquired Italian professional qualifications, and had certain actuarial and taxation qualifications. None of that was true.

The matter was referred to the SFA's disciplinary tribunal and was heard in Mr Rooke's absence since he had gone to Russia and was "unwilling to return". The tribunal ruled that he had deliberately concealed his recent criminal conviction and was blatantly dishonest in misleading his employers and the SFA.

In an unrelated move, the SFA has expelled Peter James West, a former futures and options specialist with Bear Stearns International. Mr West left the firm in November 1993 after it emerged that he had been secretly doing business for himself using the firm's name. A disciplinary tribunal subsequently ordered him to pay costs of £24,160.



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New premiums decline 2% at Standard Life

BY ROBERT MILLER

STANDARD Life, Europe's largest mutual insurance company with £39 billion of funds under management, yesterday announced that, in spite of increasing its share of the life and pensions market last year, total new premiums fell 2 per cent to £2.03 billion, compared with the previous year.

The company also became the latest life office to announce cuts in the terminal bonus rates paid on its unitised with-profit life and pension policies. Terminal bonuses are awarded when a policy matures and can account for up to 50 per cent of the final payout. Standard Life said that reversionary bonuses on its traditional with-profits policies, which were declared at last year's interim stage, are unchanged.

The biggest challenge to Standard Life in the immediate future, however, is to replace the business lost as a result of the termination of its tie-up with the Halifax Building Society that ended on January 9. On that date, Halifax launched its own life company.

Tom King, general manager of sales and a director of Standard Life, said: "Sales of individual pensions business were well down on last year. This was largely anticipated in light of continuing media criticism and the expected reduction in contracted-out contributions from the DSS, which fell by 31 per cent." Standard Life's worldwide new business premiums, which include Canada, the Republic of Ireland and Spain as well as the UK, were £2.59 billion.

Another life company, Scottish Mutual, the Abbey National life and pensions subsidiary that deals with the independent financial advisers market, announced yesterday that total new premium income last year rose 18 per cent to £462 million. Total new single life and pensions premiums rose to £443 million (£372 million) although new annual premiums fell by £1 million to £19 million.

J Rothschild Assurance (JRA), the life company, yesterday announced that its regular premium income increased 1 per cent to £30.8 million last year. Total new premium income, including unit trust sales, rose 30 per cent to £428.4 million. JRA is to launch an integrated life, investment and banking programme in April.

Bonn's pace on reform 'imperils sale of Telekom'

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THE spectre of the postponement of the biggest privatisation in Europe — the part-disposal of Deutsche Telekom, Germany's telecommunications monopoly — was raised yesterday.

Wilhelm Pällmann, Telekom's acting management board chairman, yesterday issued a warning that the Telekom flotation will have to be postponed unless the German Government speeds up legislation on market rules.

In the international rush to stake out a share of the huge and lucrative German market before Telekom loses its monopoly status, British Telecom and Cable and Wireless have formed alliances with German partners.

Herr Pällmann, who took the helm of Telekom after the resignation last month of Helmut Ricke from the chairmanship, made clear that government plans to introduce crucial regulatory legislation in the second half of next year were wholly unacceptable.

In an interview in *Handelsblatt*, the Düsseldorf financial newspaper, he said that Telekom was not afraid of competition, but that it had to know what to expect.

The planned flotation of the first DM15 billion tranche of Telekom next year will play a central part in preparing the German market for overall deregulation in 1998, in keeping with the European Union timetable.

The Bonn Government, which has been accused of stacking the Telekom supervisory board with politicians, has said that it plans only to legislate next year on deregulation and to issue the first licences to Telekom's rivals in 1997, the year before general liberalisation.

Herr Pällmann's call for early clarity on the conditions and numbers of licences to be awarded came ahead of a meeting today between Wolfgang Bötsch, the Post and Telecommunications Minister, and leading industrialists concerned about the Government's slowness over deregulation. Prominent among companies represented will be Viag and Veba, the German partners of BT and C&W, respectively. The companies' joint plans foresee billions of marks of investment in Germany over the next few years.

Sir Iain Vallance, the BT chairman, has said that BT's joint venture with Viag aims to get a 10 to 15 per cent share of the German market and that he expects that the alliance will be awarded a licence to operate telephone services before 1998.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.20	2.03
Austria Sch	17.91	16.41
Belgium Fr	52.55	48.25
Canada $	2.350	2.190
Cyprus Cyp£	0.782	0.727
Denmark Kr	10.11	9.31
Finland Mkk	8.07	7.42
France Fr	8.78	8.13
Germany Dm	2.56	2.35
Greece Dr	396.00	371.00
Hong Kong $	12.83	11.93
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2645.00	2490.00
Japan Yen	171.50	156.50
Malta	0.620	0.565
Netherlds Gld	2.846	2.616
Norway Kr	11.12	10.32
Portugal Esc	259.50	241.00
S Africa Rd		5.37
Spain Pta	216.00	202.00
Sweden Kr	12.42	11.62
Switzerland Fr	2.16	1.98
Turkey Lira	refer	62209.0
USA $	1.686	1.556

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.



John Haynes, chairman of Haynes, which was held back by lower demand for car repair manuals

RTZ copper and gold output slows

RTZ's gold and copper output fell in the last three months of last year by more than 6 per cent (Colin Campbell writes). Quarterly output of copper fell from 156,700 tonnes to 146,600 tonnes, while gold totalled 328,000 ounces in the December quarter, compared with 352,000 ounces. But RTZ's total production of copper for the year ended December 31 was up to 609,900 tonnes (570,400 tonnes). Full-year gold output was 5.46 per cent down, at 1,298 million ounces (1.373 million ounces).

Analysts say lower gold and copper output should not have a material impact on RTZ's full-year results because of higher prices during 1994.

Public to have say on Crest share deals

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE Treasury is to ask the public what it thinks of the proposed regulations for the new Crest paperless share settlement system next month.

The Treasury plans to publish draft legislation for Crest, after revisions this month that followed limited circulation of the regulations to market participants.

Iain Saville, the Bank of England's Crest project controller, said that the draft legislation for public consultation would also be sent to all listed companies.

In a Crest newsletter, Mr Saville said that the Bank's Crest team had also begun discussions with firms in the equity market about the structure of their membership of Crest.

He said: "All firms that intend to become Crest members should be starting to give thought to this issue now."

Crest members are the legal owners of the securities which they hold in Crest member accounts.

Mr Saville said that those firms wishing to operate in Crest under the names of several legal entities, for instance in order to reflect different companies within a group, must operate several memberships.

Poor sales put brakes on at Haynes

POOR sales of car repair manuals in Britain in the first quarter held back interim profits at Haynes Publishing Group (Martin Barrow writes).

The company is maintaining the dividend at 4p a share after returning taxable profits almost unchanged at £2.15 million for the six months to November 30, compared with £2.11 million. The shares fell 20p to 330p.

In spite of a recovery in demand in the approach to Christmas, it was unlikely that profits lost in the first quarter would be recovered before the year end, said Max Pearce, group chief executive. Earnings were 8.2p a share, compared with 8.1p.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Outsider to process Royal Bank cheques

ROYAL Bank of Scotland has become the first of the six biggest high street banks to hand its cheque processing over to an outside firm. EDS, the information technology company, will take over the processing of 300 million Royal Bank cheques next year. It has set up two new processing centres, one at Livingston, Lothian, and the other at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, at a cost of £30 million and is also holding talks with other banks. The Co-operative Bank said last year that it had appointed Unisys to process its cheques.

A Royal Bank spokesman said that 210 staff — 60 in Edinburgh and the rest in London — will be invited to move to the new operations or to relocate within the bank. He said that Royal Bank hoped to avoid compulsory redundancies wherever possible. Cheque volumes were declining steadily because of the increasing use of debit and credit cards, the spokesman said. "In that environment, we are going to see a rise in unit costs unless we do something about it," he said.

GM businesses report

TWO General Motors subsidiaries reported mixed fortunes. Electronic Data Systems saw net income rise to $237 million in the three months to December and by 14 per cent to $822 million for the whole of 1994. The company's profits are used to calculate the earnings per share of General Motors Class E common stock; earnings per share rose 13 per cent to $1.71 from $1.51 in 1993. Earnings for the quarter at GM Hughes Electronics fell to $225 million from $245 million in October-December 1993. Revenue also fell, to $3.62 billion ($3.7 billion).

Receivers appointed

ADMINISTRATIVE receivers have been appointed to Domaine Leisure, which has 840 holiday homes at five sites in Cornwall and North Devon and operates the Cornwall Coliseum. Joint receivers John Talbot and Peter Tuch, of Arthur Andersen, said trading would continue and all holiday bookings made with Cornish Manor Holidays and Hoseseasons would not be affected. The company, with a turnover of £4.2 million last year, experienced trading difficulties stemming from the recession.

Filtronic leaps 243%

SHARES in Filtronic Comtek, a supplier of microwave devices to the cellular radio market that was floated at 105p in October, rose another 18p to 187p after unveiling a 243 per cent rise in interim profits. In the half-year to end-November the company lifted pre-tax profits to £1.5 million from a proforma £438,000, giving earnings of 3.23p (1.17p) a share. Sales rose to £12.05 million (£3.3 million). As expected, there is no interim dividend. The company proposes to declare its first payout at the time of the final results.

Amey wins council work

AMEY, the construction group, has won a facilities management contract worth £74 million over five years from Portsmouth City Council. The contract, won through the group's Amey Facilities Management subsidiary, includes environmental work, housing and highway maintenance, fleet management and managing certain leisure facilities. It will involve the transfer of about 1,000 staff. Neil Ashley, Amey chairman, said that there had been keen competition from the in-house team and other companies.

US step for shoe group

CHAMBERLAIN PHIPPS, the maker of footwear and footware materials that returned to the stock market last year, has taken its first steps into American manufacturing. It is paying $9 million for Knapp, which makes industrial safety shoes and footwear for harsh environments. In the 11 months to December 3, Knapp earned $2.04 million profit before interest and tax on sales of $30.6 million. Net assets were $5.2 million at December 3. Chamberlain Phipps said that Knapp would complement its Canadian operations.

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KHD sells tractor division in rescue

THE Cologne engineering group Klöckner-Humboldt-Deutz (KHD) is to sell off its farm machinery arm as part of a rescue in which Deutsche Bank, its biggest shareholder, will play the lead role (Colin Narbrough writes).

Despite heavy restructuring, the group incurred a DM60 million loss last year that it was unable to cover from reserves. Trading in the shares, suspended on Friday, is likely to resume today.

The package unveiled yesterday could lead to Deutsche Bank taking a firmer grip at KHD. As well as the sale of the tractor and combine harvester division Same, an Italian group, the rescue package foresees an immediate capital increase of an already authorised DM180 million, followed by a 2-to-1 writedown of corporate capital. About DM100 million of covertible profit-sharing certificates will also be issued.

Deutsche Bank, which owns 32 per cent of the company, will waive DM150 million of claims and guarantee the capital moves, but its contribution depends on other lines of credit being maintained and the approval of DM200 million in extra cash credit lines from banks.

KHD said it had fallen far short of its goal of breakeven last year, despite a 1 per cent plus rise in sales to DM3.28 billion and a rise of 4 per cent in new orders to DM4.26 billion. Operating profits were DM180 million short of target.

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Passenger traffic 69.3m up 7.4%

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☐ A week of decisions for central bankers ☐ Acronyms reawaken new issues market ☐ Variations on a single currency

Keeping interest alive

☐ BOND market aficionados are arguing that Germany should be the clear beneficiary of this week's world interest rate lottery. The Bundesbank is only one of three central banks with monetary policy on its mind this week.

The Federal Open Market Committee meets today and tomorrow with every sign that the American economy carried considerable momentum from 1994's torrid growth into the first quarter and strong speculation of the seventh successive hike in the federal funds rate since the beginning of last year.

On Thursday, Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George meet to discuss rates with similar odds on a rate rise at that stage or next month. Signs of economic strength — although not across the whole economy — abound here too. But Thursday also sees the regular fortnightly meeting of the Bundesbank's policy-making council. Here, despite many column inches in brokers' economic circulars to their clients, there is little expectation of an immediate change in interest rates.

So why should that profit German bonds? The answer given in the market is that in Germany there is a measure of certainty and stability which will help bunds. But where are the credibility points eagerly sought by the Fed and the Bank of England in raising interest rates at a time when inflationary pressures in both economies appear to be low?

It seems an ironic fact that, once the process of monetary tightening begins, the markets demand a great deal more from central bank policy makers. Debate rages as to whether the Fed or the Bank of England are ahead of the market or "behind the curve". The Bundesbank, which has been sitting on unchanged interest rates since May 1994, has none of this irritation.

Market expectations start to affect the policy decision itself. In Britain, the authorities may well want to wait until March to raise interest rates again. Mr Clarke told the great and good at the World Economic Forum in Davos that there were no signs of the economy overheating and suggested that high growth rates could be sustained this year without a burst of inflation.

But the markets may well be disappointed if there is no rate rise after Thursday's meeting, particularly if next week's Bank of England *Inflation Report* is bearish about recent surprises on producer and retail prices. The Governor may argue — as he has argued with some effectiveness before — that to hold off would be to incur the mistrust of the markets.

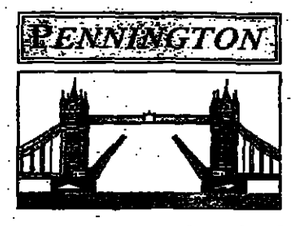
The Fed is in a similar position. So engrained now is anticipation of at least a half-point rise in fed funds that making no move this week could push bond yields higher again and the FOMC will virtually be forced into a rate rise next time it meets.

The Bundesbank has the luxury of having done nothing and created no market expectations.

Initial offerings

☐ IF THREE swallows do not make a summer, then three shy market debutantes hardly represent a return to the booming new issues market of a year ago. Furthermore, for the three swallows that tested their wings at the weekend, another fledgling fell out of the nest.

The three that show promise of



flight carry out such useful if unromantic tasks as the manufacture of acrylic shelves and reinforced bars and the distribution of plumbing supplies. PTS, SGI and Superframe will between them be worth a bare £70 million when they are floated, which hardly suggests a new issues market set alight by institutional buying fervour.

The fourth float, of BAS — why, seemingly, are anonymous initials back in favour? — is now RIP, the directors blaming unsympathetic markets even before yesterday's plunge of the FT-SE back below the 3,000 level. The group makes cuddly toys and novelty items and managed to produce a pathfinder, and a fair bit of corporate hype, before the float was pulled.

As KPMG Corporate Finance discovered late last year, the average fund manager spends less than three hours deciding whether to put money into a new issue. Most still have fresh in their minds high-profile disasters like Aerostructures Hamble and Canadian Pizza which weigh heavy in such a short decision-making process. This reluctance combines with falling markets that are dragging back the exit multiples debutantes can hope for to barely double figures. Little surprise, as Gardner Merchant found recently, that the trade sale can offer rather more respectable returns.

In 1993, of the £17 billion spent on new equity, £11 billion went for rights issues and £6 billion on new issues. In 1994, total £17 billion again, the strength of the new issues market meant the proportions exactly reversed. This year, suggests NatWest Securities, a £14 billion total will be split 50-50. Big, well-capitalised debutantes like Albright & Wilson excepted, those companies that choose to go the market route will be those that, for whatever reason, have no other choice. For investors, that could mean good prices — or much higher risk.

Bankers hatch phantom emu

☐ DISCUSSION of economic and monetary union is becoming intense on the Continent while Britain quarrels outside the tent. Some of the arguments suit Britain. François Mitterrand and Edouard Balladur insist on a single currency in 1997, the earliest date, but others assume this is just a device to ensure that something happens in 1999. The real issue is what happens.

A European Commission standby plan for a two-stage conversion — with consumers switching their notes and coins after six months — has gained little support. Bankers know that the public would hate it. Just look at the ludicrous conversion factors to see why.

A series of central bankers, and even Alexandre Lamfalussy, head of the prototype EU central bank, have argued that national currencies should continue to exist, possibly for years, as local variants of the single currency. Wim Duisenberg, the Dutch central banker, suggested yesterday that the transition might last a generation. As he notes, the key element in monetary union is not a single currency, but fixing exchange rates for all time. That would imply "a single monetary policy and a single central bank".

That is, however, what the sovereignty issue is all about. Even Kenneth Clarke will not contemplate rejoining an exchange-rate mechanism with narrow bands. Some member states might, however, accept a parallel single currency, say as cross-border legal tender, without fixing their currencies. Stupid, perhaps, given the interest rate penalty, but possible.

Funding trust

☐ THE *1995 Directory of Grant Making Trusts*, published yesterday by the Charities Aid Foundation, reveals that the Wellcome Trust dwarfs all others, giving a staggering £150 million last year, in the interests of medical research. Something to be proud of. Perhaps its governors could spare just a little to fund research into trends in business ethics and their influence on society.

BAA may invest £150m to ease congestion

By Carl Mortished

BAA, the airports group, is planning to invest £150 million in the expansion of its airport property portfolio in order to reduce congestion at the crowded Heathrow terminals. BAA plans to build and refurbish 1.5 million sq ft of offices and business parks, mainly at Heathrow, where the company has vacated offices at the centre of the airport to free up space for tenants.

BAA is refurbishing 33,000 sq ft of offices in the Central Terminal Area, formerly occupied by Heathrow Airports Limited (HAL), and will offer the space to airlines at about £23 per sq ft. HAL is now renting cheaper premises at the perimeter of the airport. The move coincided with the launch of BAA's property strategy, which includes a rent freeze and followed complaints about high rents at Heathrow terminals.

Strong growth in passenger traffic at BAA's airports helped to boost pre-tax profits 12.3 per cent to £328 million in the nine months to December. Sir John Egan, chief executive, said traffic growth benefited from worldwide economic recovery. He expected this to continue into next year.

Passenger numbers increased 7.4 per cent to 69.3 million in the nine months, with the biggest boost from short-haul charter flights, which saw growth of more than 10 per cent. North Atlantic traffic was only 3.7 per cent greater but passenger numbers on other long-haul routes grew 9.9 per cent. BAA is forecasting passenger growth of 7 per cent for the year to end March.

Shoppers boosted BAA's retailing income 9.8 per cent to £402 million although income was adversely affected by building work at Terminal 1, Heathrow and at Gatwick. The effect on revenue is expected to continue this year, with redevelopment at Heathrow's Terminal 2.

Spending on buildings and infrastructure rose from £175 million to £307 million due to work on terminals and the construction of the Heathrow Express. BAA said that the partial collapse of the tunnel last year would have little financial impact on the group. Airport property income contributed £119 million, up £8 million. Balance sheet gearing at the end of December was just under 30 per cent.

Sir John said that BAA was keeping a tight control on operating costs, which rose 4 per cent to £569 million, compared with a 6 per cent rise in turnover. Productivity per employee had improved 5.9 per cent, he added.

Cash flow was lower affected by the increased spending on terminals and work on the Heathrow Express project. The company had a net cash outflow of £71 million in the nine months, after interest costs, tax and capital expenditure, compared with positive cash flow of £113 million in the previous year.



Sir John Egan said traffic growth benefited from worldwide economic recovery

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Allied set to sell bakery

ALLIED DOMECQ, the international drinks business, is in talks with a management buy-out syndicate of investors led by CVC Capital Partners, the venture capital arm of Citicorp, to sell its European bakeries business, which employs 1,200 people across Europe.

The business, which analysts value in excess of £50 million, is one of several companies put up for sale by Allied, which is concentrating on its spirits, wine and retailing operations. A deal with the Dutch-based Continental Bakeries could come within a matter of weeks.

Zetters defiant as sales show damaging effect of lottery

By Susan Gilchrist

EVIDENCE of the damage being inflicted on the football pools industry by the National Lottery emerged yesterday as Zetters, the football pools promoter, admitted sales had slumped by more than 10 per cent since the lottery started in November.

Terry Yardley, Zetter's finance director, said: "It has been a bit worse than we expected. But then we are up against tough competition."

The double-digit decline in sales is similar to that announced by Littlewoods and Vernons, its two bigger rival pools operators. It will further fuel fears that the lottery could be the death knell for the football pools. Some City analysts have estimated that the lottery could take as much as £700 million away from the £900 million pools industry.

Mr Yardley, however, remained defiant: "We are not going to simply roll over and go belly up. We see a continuing place for the football pools and ourselves within that."

Zetters reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £690,000 from £421,000 in the six months to September 30. Mr Yardley said the gains seen in the first half had been reversed since the lottery started but the company believes profits for the full year will not be less than the £1.02 million achieved last year. It also expects the total dividend payout will not fall below the 8.5p paid last time.

The interim dividend is lifted to 5p from 4p and will be paid to shareholders on March 6.

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ACT Group shares dive after profit warning

By Philip Pangalos

SHARES in ACT Group crashed 18p to 74p after the computer software and services company accompanied its second profits warning in seven months with job cuts and the resignation of two senior directors. The fall in ACT's share price saw the group's market capitalisation shrink £33.4 million to £137.2 million.

ACT, which said in November that its UK operations had experienced difficult trading conditions, says there has been a further deterioration in trading at ACT Financial Systems, its UK financial software operation.

This will lead to a trading loss for the year, with redundancy and other one-off costs expected to amount to about £3 million. Group pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 will therefore be "significantly short of market expectations".

Mike Hart, group managing director, and Paul Newton, managing director of ACT International, have resigned from the board. Mr Hart had an annual salary of £200,000 and was on a three-year contract, while Mr Newton received £150,000 a year and was on a two-year contract.

Kieran Nagle, managing director of ACT Banking Systems, becomes group chief executive. Lindsay Bury, a non-executive director, takes on the role of deputy chairman.

Brokers reduced their profit forecasts for the current year. Albert E Sharp and Credit Lyonnais Laing, the company's joint brokers, have cut their forecasts from £26.5 million to £15.5 million (£28.5 million) and from £26.1 million to £16 million respectively. BZW has cut its estimate to £14 million, while James Capel has downgraded to £18.3 million.



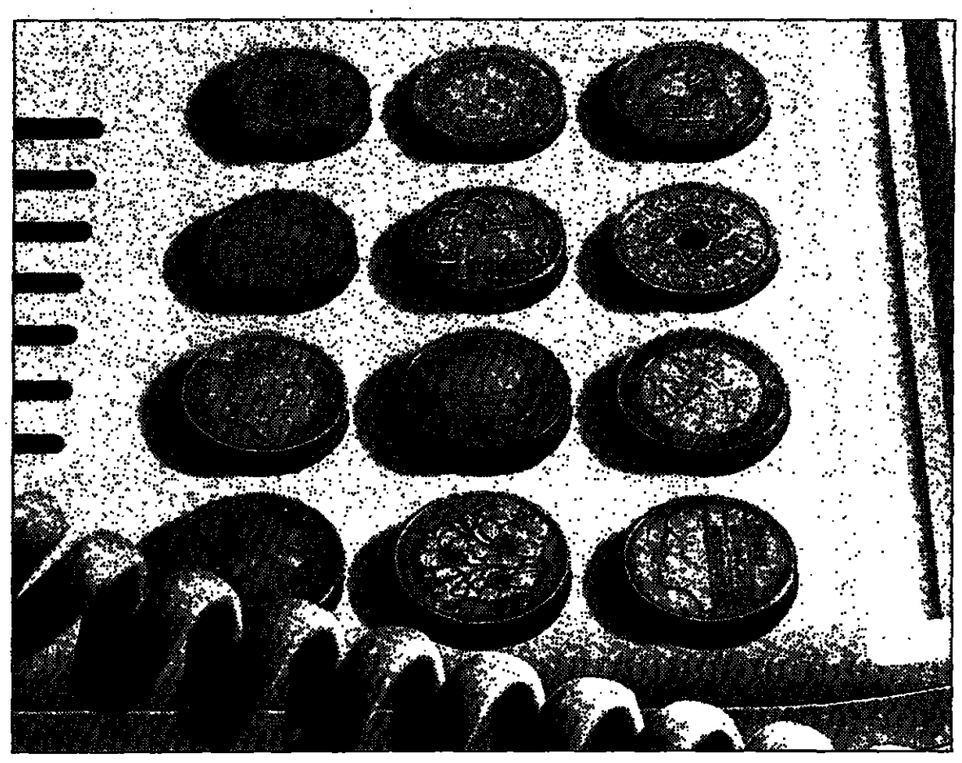
Bullough better after revamp

BULLOUGH, the industrial holding company, saw annual profits recover after significant restructuring, but is recommending an unchanged dividend as it strives to rebuild earnings cover.

In the year to October 31, pre-tax profits rose to £17.6 million, from £7.8 million the year before, when the company absorbed costs of £4.7 million against reorganisation. Earnings were 9.67p a share, up from 2.29p. The unchanged final dividend of 4.3p makes 6.05p for the year. The shares rose by 1p, to 154p.

The company, whose industrial interest span refrigeration, heating, engineering and office products, said that operating profits rose 33 per cent, to £18.56 million, from £13.9 million, before restructuring costs.

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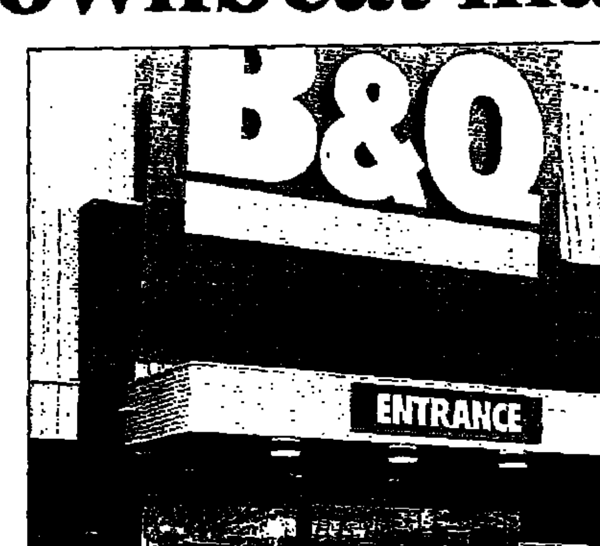
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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Kingfisher recovers in a downbeat market

IN a falling market, **Kingfisher**, the troubled retailer, stood out with a rise of 16p to 424p as City speculators decided that the shares have been oversold and are now looking good value. The Woolworth, Comet and B&Q DIY retailer has been given breathing space by City investors to put things right, or face a possible bid. This follows a profits warning earlier this month and last week's boardroom reshuffle, which resulted in the departure of two board members. Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, who last week dropped down from chairman to chief executive, knows he has only so long to restore the group's fortunes or face the possibility of an unwanted bid.



Shares in Kingfisher, owner of B&Q and Comet, rose 16p

Brokers on Friday were placing a break-up value on the shares of up to 600p, providing plenty of upside potential for the speculators. Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, was also said to be recommending Kingfisher to its clients. Already brokers are discussing the possibility of selling back Darty, the French electrical retailer owned by Kingfisher, to its management and the closure of all or part of the Comet chain in this country. Either way, the speculators expect some excitement in the months ahead.

Elsewhere, investors endured a lacklustre performance by the equity market as turnover slumped to a meagre 396 million shares. The start of the Federal Open Market Committee meeting later today in Washington is expected to signal a rise in US interest rates this week. It should also provide Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, with the excuse to push up domestic rates when they meet on Thursday.

As a result, investors were in no rush to open fresh positions, leaving prices to drift on lack of interest as the market dropped back below 3,000. The FT-SE 100 index drifted throughout much of the day, not helped by an opening markdown on Wall Street after the weekend break. The index finished 26.3 down at 2,995.9.

Courtaulds dropped 19p to 407p as it began a series of meetings with brokers. The message from the company was described as cautious, with continued concern about pressure on margins. **Courtaulds Textiles** also dropped 7p to 434p after one market-maker attempted to sell a parcel of shares at a discount to the ruling price.

Fisons, a takeover favourite, hardened 1½p to 109p, with traders reporting heavy turnover in the shares on the traded options market.

Rank Organisation lost 8p to 370p ahead of a trading statement expected today in earnings a share 13 per cent ahead. The group attributed the rise to increased passenger volumes, a near-10 per cent rise in retails sales and improved productivity.

Bullough, the acquisitive industrial conglomerate, firmed 1p to 154p after matching the top end of City forecasts with a recovery in full-year pre-tax profits of £7.7

The FT-SE 100 index fell below the important 3,000 resistance level once again, having climbed back above it only last week. The index tumbled 26.3 points to close at 2,995.9, ending near the day's lowest levels. Volume was only 396.4 million shares, a fraction of that required for City security houses to break even.

the US from Xerox Corporation. Earlier this month Rank agreed to sell 40 per cent of its holding in Rank Xerox to Xerox Corporation for more than £600 million.

Profit-taking left **BAA Group**, the independent airport operator, 5p cheaper at 460p after weighing in with third-quarter figures showing pre-tax profits 12 per cent ahead at £328 million and million to £17.7 million. All four main divisions produced an improved performance and the group hinted that further acquisitions may be in the pipeline. The final dividend was maintained.

Further problems at its financial systems division have forced **ACT Group** to issue its second profits warning in four months. The group says pre-tax profits for the full year will be significantly below market expectations of £25.8 million. The warning was followed up by the resignations of Mike Hart, group managing director, and Paul Newton, managing director of its ACT International division. Kieran Nagle becomes chief executive. Brokers cut their pre-tax profit forecasts for the year to between £15 million and £16 million, leaving the share price 18p lower at 72p.

Shares of **Norish**, the transport group, went into a nosedive with a fall of 27p to 51p after further reflection of last week's warning on the dividend. **NFC**, the rival transport group, slipped 2p to 163p despite reassurances by Sir Christopher Bland, the chairman, to shareholders at Saturday's annual meeting. He promised to reduce costs and make the group more efficient but said margins remained under pressure.

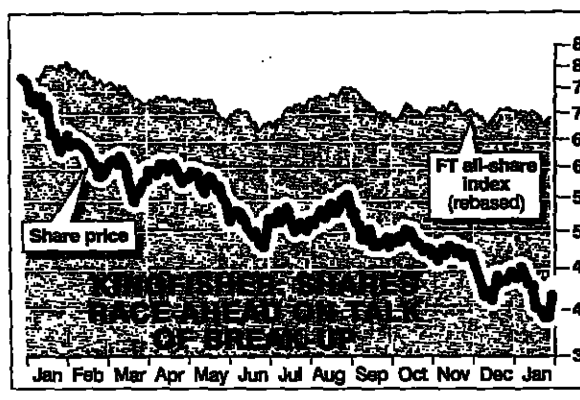
Zetters, the football pools operator, has been hit hard by the introduction of the National Lottery, with sales down by 10 per cent since the start of November. The group is forecasting not less than £1.01 million for the year and a maintained dividend. The shares lost 3p at 125p.

News of dearer paper prices left **Haynes Publishing** 20p lower at 330p.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Gilts traded in narrow limits for much of the day, with investors proving reluctant to open fresh positions ahead of this week's expected rise in interest rates both here and in the US. The only encouragement was provided by the latest US consumption figures, which indicated a slowdown in economic activity. But this spur to sentiment proved short-lived, leaving prices to close with small gains on the day.

In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt traded in limits of between £101 17/32 and £101 31/32 before closing £13/16 better at £101¾ as 33,000 contracts were completed. Movements among conventionals were more restricted. Treasury 8 per cent 2013 firmed £1/16 to £95 9/16, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 hardened £⅛ to £94 17/32.

☐ NEW YORK: Various factors, including fears of a slowdown in the economy, turned sentiment negative on Wall Street. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 23.21 points at 3,834.78.



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New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	3834.78 (-23.21)
S&P Composite	468.39 (-2.00)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	18752.88 (+648.53)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	7342.65 (+45.53)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	411.85 (-0.61)
Sydney:	
AO	1856.7 (-5.9)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2035.03 (+3.33)
Singapore:	
Straits	2083.36 (+48.36)
Brussels:	
General	7076.66 (+1.21)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1813.43 (-0.70)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	622.60 (-1.30)
London:	
FT 30	2363.3 (-21.6)
FT 100	2995.9 (-26.3)
FT-SE Mid 250	3382.3 (-15.9)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1304.40 (-3.12)
FT A All-Share	1483.45 (-10.89)
FT Non Financials	1611.71 (-11.37)
FT Gold Mines	184.1 (-9.4)
FT Fixed Interest	109.52 (+0.12)
FT Govt Secs	91.28 (+0.29)
Bargains	19529
SEAQ Volume	396.4m
USM (Datastrm)	146.10 (-0.29)
US$	1.5905 (-0.0015)
German Mark	2.4005 (-0.0058)
Exchange Index	79.9 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2673
£:SDR	1.0794
RPI	146.0 Dec (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Asset Mngmnt Inv (100)	99	...
Caledonian Media Wts	5½	...
Clydeport	156	-1
First Russian Frts ($10)	570	...
Gart Micro Index	95	...
Gart Micro Wts	39	...
Lazard Brl Ida	52¼	+¼
Lazard Brl Ida Wts	30½	...
MCIT S Cap (35)	34	...
MCIT S Inc (35)	36	...
MICE Group (3)	3¼	...
Mthson Llyds IT (100)	82	...
Pentex Oil	95	...
TeleWest Comm (182)	172½	-1½
Wellington Under (100)	102	...
Woodchester Uts	125	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Dares Estates n/p (4)	¼	...
Hewitt n/p (68)	22	...
Verity n/p (7½)	¼	...

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RISES:	
API	399p (+10p)
Southend Prop	47p (+5p)
Trencherwood	21p (+2p)
Kingfisher	424p (+16p)
Filtronic Comm	189p (+20p)
FALLS:	
Kleinwort Benson	609p (-11p)
Carlton Comm	868p (-10p)
Haynes Pub	330p (-20p)
Reed Int	738p (-11p)
Micro Focus	833p (-7p)
Trinity Int	364p (-7p)
MAM	789p (-10p)
Glaxo	610p (-7p)
Wellcome	981p (-17p)
Bemrose	370p (-8p)
Bowater	410p (-7p)
Grand Met	381p (-7p)
Cable Wireless	371p (-8p)
Courtauld Text	434p (-7p)
Eurotunnel Uts	286p (-8p)
ACT Group	74p (-18p)

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TEMPUS

High street to heaven

MOST high street retailers would be green with envy at BAA's sales growth figures, which almost reached double-digit growth rates in the nine-month period. They would be less impressed, however, with spend per head, which runs in the £5 or £6 bracket. While airlines adore those go-getting executives who fly in on the "red-eye" from New York, their landlord, BAA, prefers a less single-minded passenger who has time to browse in terminal shops.

In BAA's dreamworld, all airlines would exclusively carry female tourists from Tokyo, but while traffic figures move inexorably upwards, the mix can change.

BAA's traffic forecasts are designed to reassure, starting from a low base level of 4 per cent long-term. Recent growth has pushed the figure much higher. Such growth seems to more than justify BAA's plans for a fifth terminal, but there must be a concern that strong traffic growth could slow in a future economic downturn just as the company racks up spending on Terminal 5, putting pressure on cash flow.

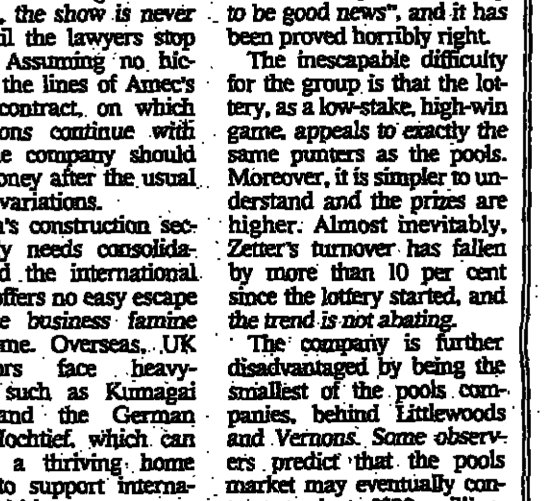
BAA's long-term puzzle is how to get the mix right between the needs of airlines and its own desire for retail revenues. While the former want nothing more than an efficient and inexpensive gate to the planes, BAA sees shopping as a more profitable activity. To preserve and expand the business, BAA is investing more in its airline tenants, but the question remains as to how far retailing can be pushed. Some of BAA's most affluent customers — the "red-eyes" — spend nothing in the airport. That dilemma still needs to be addressed.

Bullough

ONLY a year into the job as Bullough's chief executive, Gordon Bond already has some impressive numbers to show for all his work. Three of the group's divisions are now making respectable profits, with heating generating a 13 per cent operating margin. Only the ill-fated office furniture business remains a lame duck, although, even here, the group managed to increase profits by £769,000, in spite of a £2 million fall in turnover.

Mr Bond has blown through the organisation vigorously, replacing half the operating directors and acquiring the heating division's main competitor to give it a dominant share of its industrial and commercial markets. However, the group needs further restructuring. The engineering division is a pot-pourri of businesses, some smelling sweeter than others. Some of the less attractive parts, such as North Sea pipeline equipment, may be sold.

Office furniture remains the oddest piece of the group's portfolio, but Bullough needs to improve its performance before it is in any state to be sold. As a pure engineering and industrial group, the company would have more to recommend it, and, with gearing of only 22 per cent, it has scope for further acquisitions. Profits of £22.5 million are possible this year, putting the shares on an undemanding earnings multiple of 12. Shareholders may even see a modest rise in the dividend this year, the first since 1989.



Amec

AMEC is shouting from the top of a tower crane about its part in the winning contract for the terminal at Hong Kong's new airport. By any standards, it is a big piece of business and the likely prospect of Amec's Watson Steel subsidiary securing the structural steel contract could add £50 million to Amec's £160 million share of the Chek Lap Kok contract.

That should provide a useful boost to liquidity for Amec in future years, in the form of advance payments, but only the wilfully optimistic expect a big profits kick from the Hong Kong deal. Amec admits that the consortium, which includes Balfour Beatty and Kumagai Gumi, beat fierce competition to win the work, suggesting that margins are unlikely to be generous.

British contractors have been beating down doors in Asia to secure business in a market glowing with health, compared with the UK, and Amec insists that terms are a lot better than back home. That suggests only that Amec and Balfour Beatty will earn more than nothing. In construction, the show is never over until the lawyers stop singing. Assuming no hiccups on the lines of Amec's Tiffany contract, on which negotiations continue with Agip, the company should make money after the usual contract variations.

Britain's construction sector badly needs consolidation, and the international market offers no easy escape from the business famine back home. Overseas, UK contractors face heavyweights such as Kumagai Gumi and the German group Hochtief, which can rely on a thriving home market to support international ambitions.

Zetters

WINNERS in the National Lottery may choose to keep their identity secret, but there is no hiding place for the big losers. Zetters, the pools operator, is just such a loser. The company had always said that the lottery was "unlikely to be good news", and it has been proved horribly right.

The inescapable difficulty for the group is that the lottery, as a low-stake, high-win game, appeals to exactly the same punters as the pools. Moreover, it is simpler to understand and the prizes are higher. Almost inevitably, Zetter's turnover has fallen by more than 10 per cent since the lottery started, and the trend is not abating.

The company is further disadvantaged by being the smallest of the pools companies, behind Littlewoods and Vernons. Some observers predict that the pools market may eventually contract to just £200 million, from its present £900 million. If so, a betting man would favour the prospects of the larger players over the small.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	1003-1002	May	1060-1050
May	1006-1005	Jul	1069-1057
Jul	1017-1014	Sep	1078-1072
Sep	1028-1026	Dec	1090-1085
Dec	1040-1035		
Mar	1049-1046		Volume: 4468

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	2695-2680	Sep	2650-2640
Mar	2720-2719	Nov	2650-2630
May	2685-2682	Jan	2650-2630
Jul	2670-2660		Volume: 4382

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	356.5-54.1
Spot: 403.9		Dec	353.9-50.1
Mar	400.5-99.5	Mar	350.5-44.1
May	395.5-94.3	May	350.3-42.2
Aug	383.5-82.0		Volume: 2596

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average livestock prices at representative markets on January 27

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	82.03	118.91	117.66
(+/-)	+1.13	-0.01	-0.78
Eng/Wales:	82.03	118.04	117.74
(+/-)	+1.13	-0.82	-0.83
(%)	-19.0	-49.0	-4.0
Scotland:	unq	123.38	117.16
(+/-)	—	+4.25	-0.45
(%)	—	+78.0	-3.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.70	+0.35
Brent 15 day (Mar)	16.50	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Apr)	16.45	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	18.05	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	17.95	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 161 (-1)	O: 163 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	146 (+1)	147 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Mar	148 (+1)	149 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Apr	148 (n/c)	150 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	98 (n/c)	101 (n/c)
Naphtha	160 (-2)	163 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Feb	143.25-43.50	May	147.25-47.50
Mar	145.75-46.00	Jun	147.75-48.00
Apr	146.75-47.00		Vol: 15667

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	16.51-16.52	Jun	16.36-16.40
Apr	16.42-16.44	Jul	16.35 BID
May	16.38-16.40		Vol: 26736

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Mar	109.95	Mar	105.15
May	111.90	May	106.15
Jul	113.50	Sep	98.00
Sep	99.05	Nov	99.60
Nov	100.05	Jan	101.00
Volume: 621		Volume: 47	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	357.0	351.5
May	unq	369.5
Jun	—	unq
		Volume: 120

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Mar 118.25-118.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 95	—	—	1992
Feb 95	1915	1895	1915
Mar 96	1890	1875	1905
Apr 95	1905	1868	1905
Vol: 45 lots		Open Interest: 3759	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2967.0-2968.0	2953.5-2954.0	1330125
Lead ($/tonne)	648.00-649.00	668.00-669.00	135525
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1128.0-1128.5	1156.0-1157.0	466675
Tin ($/tonne)	6145.0-6155.0	6250.0-6260.0	18580
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	2054.0-2054.5	2096.0-2096.5	1420525
Nickel ($/tonne)	9685.0-9695.0	9855.0-9860.0	100866

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Dom.	500	27½	37½	44	12½	24½	25
(*509)	550	7½	16	21½	43	54½	53
Argyll	280	14½	20½	23	10½	17	19½
(*280)	300	6½	12	15	23	30½	32
ASDA	60	9½	12	12	0½	1½	2½
(*68½)	70	3	5½	6½	4	5½	6½
Boots	460	26	35½	38½	9½	19½	21½
(*469)	500	8½	16	20	33½	43	44½
Br Airways	360	22½	31	37½	10	19	22½
(*368)	390	9	16½	24	26½	36	39
BP	390	29½	36½	42	6	11½	13½
(*410)	420	12½	20½	26	19½	25½	27½
Br Steel	140	13½	17½	19½	3	5½	7
(*149)	160	3½	7½	10	13½	16	17
C & W	360	24	33½	40	10	17	20½
(*371½)	390	10	19	26	25½	33	36
CU	493	17	—	—	25½	—	—
(*496)	543	3½	—	—	64½	—	—
ICI	750	28	42½	50	30	38	44
(*756)	800	9	23	30	65	70½	75
Kingfishr.	420	25	30	35	13	24½	29
(*423½)	460	9½	13½	19½	38½	50	54
Land Sec.	550	23½	32½	36½	12	25½	29
(*554)	600	5½	10½	16½	46½	60	61½
M & S	360	27½	32½	38½	5½	10½	13
(*377½)	390	11	16	23½	19	25½	27½
Nat West	460	31	40	40	15	20½	27
(*482)	500	10½	21	31	38	42½	48½
Sainsbury	420	25½	32	39	8½	17	20
(*431)	460	7½	13	20½	31½	40	41½
Shell	700	27½	38½	48	19	23½	29½
(*712½)	750	7	17	25½	53½	55½	59½
Smkl Bch.	420	38	45½	54½	6½	13	17
(*449)	460	15½	23½	34	24½	31½	35½
Storehse	220	13	16½	19½	5½	10	11½
(*222½)	240	5	7½	10½	18½	21½	23
Trafalgar	60	9	11	12½	1½	3	3½
(*66)	70	3	5½	8	6	7½	8
Unilever.	1150	51	69	90	27½	39	44½
(*1175)	1200	24	44½	64	55	65½	70½
Zeneca	850	48	60½	69½	21	31	37½
(*880½)	900	21	36	44½	48½	57½	63½

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Grnd Met.	360	7	18½	24½	5½	11½	17
(*361)	390	0	6½	11½	29	30½	35
Ladbroke	160	6½	12	16½	2½	8	12
(*164)	180	0½	4½	8½	16	21	24
Utd Bisc	300	22	28	30½	0½	8	13
(*320½)	330	3½	11½	16½	11½	24½	29

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
BAA	450	24	—	—	9	—	—
(*459½)	475	11	—	—	22	—	—
Thames W	420	47½	54	55½	3	12	13
(*458½)	460	20	28	30½	14	30	31

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAT Ind	420	26½	36	41	1	13	22½
(*444)	460	3	13½	21½	18	35	44
BTR	300	6½	13	21	4½	14	17½
(*302)	330	0	3½	10	28	30½	38
Br Aero	446	22	36½	—	3½	18½	—
(*466½)	487	2½	18½	—	23½	39½	—
Br Telcm	390	13	25½	32½	2½	8½	16
(*399½)	420	1	11	17	21	25	32½
Cadbury	390	28	29	38	2½	9	12½
(*417½)	420	3½	12½	23	19½	25	28
Guinness.	390	27	34½	39½	0½	7½	10½
(*415½)	420	5½	15½	23	9	21½	24½
GEC	260	14	22	26	0½	4½	10
(*272½)	280	2½	10½	15	9	13	20½
Hanson	220	10½	14½	19	1	6	10
(*229)	240	1	5½	10	11½	17	21
LASMO	140	8½	13½	17	1	5½	7
(*147)	160	0½	5	8	13	16½	16
Lucas	180	6½	13½	19	3	9	12
(*183½)	200	0½	5½	10½	17	21½	23½
Pilkingtn	140	10	15½	18½	1	4	6½
(*148)	160	1	6	9½	12½	14½	17½
Prudential	280	14	19	25½	1½	10½	14
(*291½)	300	3	8½	16	10½	22½	25½
Redland	420	12½	25½	29½	5½	25	29½
(*425½)	460	1	9½	14	34½	53½	57
R-Royce	140	16½	19½	22½	0	3	5
(*156)	160	2	7½	12	6	12	14½
Tesco	240	13	20	23½	1	7½	9½
(*251½)	260	2	8	13½	10	17	20
Vodafone.	183	8½	—	—	1½	—	—
(*188½)	200	1½	8½	12	12	16	19
Williams	300	28½	34	37½	0	5	8½
(*327½)	330	4½	14	19½	7½	18½	22

FT-SE INDEX (*2995½)

	2850	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100
Calls						
Feb	147½	105	66	36½	17	6½
Mar	161½	123½	89½	60	38½	23½
Apr	180	143	112½	83	62	41½
May	196½	162½	130½	105	80	62½
Jun	—	174	—	118	—	73
Puts						
Feb	6	13	25½	46½	79	124
Mar	22	33½	50	70½	110	135½
Apr	41	54	74	95½	123½	155
May	50	67½	86	110½	136½	167½
Jun	—	77½	—	119½	—	176

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat.	390	32½	36	40½	4½	12	18
(*418)	420	12	19	25	19	25½	32½
Amstrad	125	10	14½	—	2½	6	—
(*132½)	150	1	4½	—	19	21	—
Barclays	550	40	48½	57½	8	17½	26½
(*580½)	600	11½	23½	33	35	44	52½
Blue Circ.	260	15	21½	28½	6	15	19½
(*266½)	280	5½	12½	20	16½	26½	31
Br Gas	300	11	17½	22	7½	19½	19
(*302)	330	1½	5½	10½	28½	36	38½
Dixons	200	10½	18½	22	6½	9½	14
(*203)	220	3	9½	13	19	22½	26
Forte	220	20½	25	28½	2	7	9½
(*236½)	240	8	13½	17½	9	16½	19
Hillsdwn	160	16½	19	21	1	5½	8
(*174½)	180	4	7½	10½	8½	16½	18½
Lonrho	140	16	21½	24	1½	4	6½
(*154)	160	4	10½	13	9½	12½	15½
Sears	90	11	13	13½	0½	2	3
(*99½)	100	4	7	7½	4	6½	7½
Thrn Emi	1000	35	64	74	16	28½	46½
(*1011½)	1050	12½	38½	47½	44	54½	74
Tomkins	220	8	16½	20	7	11	16
(*220)	240	1½	8	11½	20½	23	28
TSB	220	18	25	29	6	11	14
(*235½)	240	7	15½	19½	16½	21½	24½
Wellcome.	950	56½	70½	89½	19½	35	45
(*983)	1000	29	44	60½	44	58	68

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Glaxo	600	32	49½	60	36	33	40½
(*610½)	650	13	28½	37½	57	62½	76
HSBC	600	42½	53	61½	24½	34	43
(*625½)	650	17½	30	39½	53½	62½	71
Reuter	420	29½	40	48	12½	17½	22½
(*434½)	460	11½	22	29½	35½	40	44

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Jul	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Jul
Royal Ins.	260	8	15½	21	5½	16½	19
(*261½)	280	1½	8	13	19	29½	31½

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Fisons	100	11½	15	19	2	4½	7
(*108½)	110	6	10	14½	6	9	12

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Eastern Gp	700	24½	50½	64½	8	24	42
(*712½)	750	5½	27	40½	39	53½	69½

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Natl Pwr	460	26½	39	46	7½	19	24
(*475½)	500	7	19	27	28½	40½	45½
Scot Pwr	300	30½	40	44	2	6	11
(*326½)	330	10	22½	26	11½	17	24½

January 30, 1995 Tot: 21261 Call: 10705 Put: 10556 FT-SE Call: 4792 Put: 3408

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Mar 95	3030.0	3032.0	2986.0	2991.0	9423
Previous open interest: 64342	Jun 95				3000.5	0
FT-SE 250	Mar 95				3380.0	0
Previous open interest: 3944	Jun 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Mar 95	92.86	92.90	92.83	92.88	18773
Previous open interest: 425570	Jun 95	92.19	92.28	92.17	92.25	25542
	Sep 95	91.73	91.85	91.70	91.81	14549
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 95	93.36	93.37	93.36	93.40	32
Previous open interest: 2114	Jun 95				92.85	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 95	94.77	94.78	94.73	94.76	19706
Previous open interest: 723166	Jun 95	94.39	94.40	94.35	94.36	27968
Long Gilt	Mar 95	101-27	101-31	101-17	101-24	33331
Previous open interest: 97333	Jun 95	101-22	101-31	101-22	101-30	505
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95	108.45	108.59	108.45	108.59	1686
	Jun 95	107.79	107.82	107.39	107.81	321
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 95	90.71	90.73	90.25	90.32	120050
Previous open interest: 208731	Jun 95	90.08	90.08	89.74	89.74	219
Three month ECU	Mar 95	93.52	93.52	93.46	93.48	857
Previous open interest: 22205	Jun 95	93.02	93.02	92.96	92.99	817
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 95	95.82	95.82	95.78	95.81	1451
Previous open interest: 44964	Jun 95	95.50	95.52	95.46	95.49	1125
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 95	99.90	99.94	99.33	99.45	21007
Previous open interest: 55695	Jun 95				98.48	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 6¾

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 4 Week fixed: 5¾

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¼ ; 3 mth 6¼ . Sell: 2 mth 6¼ ; 3 mth 6¼ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅛-6⅛	6¼-6⅛	6⅜-6⅛	7-6¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6½-6⅜	7⅛-7⅛	7½-7⅛
Interbank:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅜-6⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7½-7¼
Overnight: open 5¾, close 4 .					
Local Authority Deps:	6⅛	n/a	6⅜	7	7⅝
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅜-6⅛	7⅛-7	7⅛-7⅛
Dollar CDs:	6.05-6.02	n/a	6.32-6.29	6.61-6.58	7.16-7.13
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅜-6⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 30, 1994 Agreed rates Jan 25, 1995 to Feb 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.71 %. Reference rate Dec 1, 1994 to Dec 30, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 6.402 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅞-5⅞	6-5⅞	6⅛-6⅛	6⅞-6⅛	5⅛-4⅞
Deutschmark:	5-4⅞	5-4⅞	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-4⅞
French Franc:	5⅞-5⅛	5⅞-5⅛	5⅞-5⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6-5
Swiss Franc:	3⅞-3⅛	3⅞-3⅛	4-3⅞	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-3⅛
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅛

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Bain & Co)

Bullion: Open $377.50-377.90 Close: $375.70-376.20 High: $378.40-378.90 Low: $375.20-375.70 AM: $375.90 PM: $375.90

Krugerrand: $379.00-381.00 (£277.00-279.00)

Platinum: $413.10 (£260.05) Silver: $4.71 (£2.945) Palladium: $156.75 (£98.70)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 30	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6839-2.6989	2.6839-2.6873	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-⅞pr
Brussels	49.41-49.71	49.41-49.51	7-2pr	19-14pr
Copenhagen	9.4630-9.5140	9.4630-9.4780	⅛-⅛pr	2⅛-1⅛pr
Dublin	1.0105-1.0140	1.0108-1.0135	6-3pr	15-11pr
Frankfurt	2.3958-2.4086	2.3958-2.3990	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-⅞pr
Lisbon	247.21-249.14	247.21-247.85	47-59ds	190-217ds
Madrid	208.53-209.54	208.56-208.86	25-39ds	99-124ds
Milan	2537.60-2549.10	2537.60-2540.90	3-5ds	11-14ds
Montreal	2.2443-2.2635	2.2603-2.2635	0.20-0.28ds	0.43-0.53ds
New York	1.5882-1.5944	1.5934-1.5944	0.07-0.03pr	0.21-0.15pr
Oslo	10.5080-10.5330	10.5080-10.5240	1⅛-⅛pr	3⅛-2⅛pr
Paris	8.3090-8.3560	8.3090-8.3230	⅛-⅛pr	2-1⅛pr
Stockholm	11.7950-11.8740	11.7950-11.8190	⅛-1⅛ds	3⅛-4⅞ds
Tokyo	156.63-158.13	156.63-156.89	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	16.88-16.99	16.95-16.99	2⅛-1⅛pr	8⅛-5⅛pr
Zurich	2.0201-2.0296	2.0201-2.0230	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr

Source: Ertel. Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3183-1.3192
Austria	10.63-10.64
Belgium (Com)	31.18-31.19
Canada	1.4145-1.4150
Denmark	5.9700-5.9730
France	5.2480-5.2530
Germany	1.5114-1.5118
Hong Kong	7.7330-7.7340
Ireland	1.5678-1.5693
Italy	1598.74-1599.75
Japan	98.75-98.80
Malaysia	2.5568-2.5578
Netherlands	1.6940-1.6945
Norway	6.6245-6.6275
Portugal	156.23-156.33
Singapore	1.4510-1.4520
Spain	131.38-131.48
Sweden	7.4354-7.4528
Switzerland	1.2735-1.2745

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5880-1.5906
Australia dollar	2.0926-2.0947
Bahrain dinar	0.593-0.605
Brazil real*	1.3370-1.3412
Cyprus pound	0.7365-0.7465
Finland markka	7.4575-7.5735
Greece drachma	371.50-378.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.2824-12.2889
India rupee	49.40-50.56
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4695-0.4795
Malaysia ringgit	4.0608-4.0637
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.4847-2.4883
Pakistan rupee	48.45 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.900-6.026
Singapore dollar	2.3042-2.3065
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4855-6.5215
S Africa rand (com)	5.6152-5.6212
U A E dirham	5.775-5.899

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	519	Legal & Gn	254
ASDA Gp	7,200	Lloyds Bk	2,500
Abbey Natl	1,700	MEPC	1,700
Alld Dom	1,900	Marks Spr	4,500
Argyll Gp	3,900	NatWst Bk	2,100
Arjo Wiggn	3,600	Nat Power	859
AB Foods	545	Nth Wst W	200
BAA	1,600	P & O	753
BAT Inds	2,800	Pearson	507
BOC	454	PowerGen	1,100
BP	5,100	Prudential	2,300
BTR	5,100	RMC	81
BT	5,100	RTZ	1,700
Bk of Scot	2,500	Rank Org	909
Barclays	3,500	Reckitt Col	3,500
Bass	418	Redland	481
Blue Circle	1,400	Reed Intl	1,600
Boots	2,100	Rentokil	331
Bowater	719	Reuters	2,700
Brit Aero	908	Rolls Royce	3,800
Brit Airwys	640	Ryl Ins	2,700
Brit Gas	4,400	Ryl Bk Scot	1,900
Brit Steel	4,200	Sainsbury	2,000
Burmah Cstl	425	Schroders	5
Cable Wire	1,900	Scot & New	563
Cadbury	2,600	Scot Power	418
Caradon	2,200	Sears	2,100
Carlton Cms	191	Svrn Trent	145
Cm Union	795	Shell Trans	2,800
Courtaulds	2,300	Siebe	2,400
De La Rue	721	SmKl Bch	2,300
Eastern Elec	362	Smith Nph	1,500
Enterpr Oil	510	Sthern Elec	452
Forte	1,400	Std Chartd	1,700
GKN	564	Sun Allnce	314
GRE	342	TI Gp	456
GUS	665	TSB	3,600
Gen Acc	797	Tesco	4,000
Gen Elec	4,900	Thames W	927
Glaxo	3,600	Thrn EMI	1,100
Granada	548	Tomkins	2,400
Grand Met	6,200	Unilever	1,400
Guinness	3,100	Utd Bisc	379
HSBC	2,300	Vodafone	5,500
Hanson	8,600	Warburg (SG)	260
ICI	1,400	Wellcome	2,900
Inchcape	1,200	Whitbread	810
Kingfisher	7,400	Wlims Hld	1,400
Ladbroke	1,500	Wolseley	93
Land Secs	376	Zeneca	2,000

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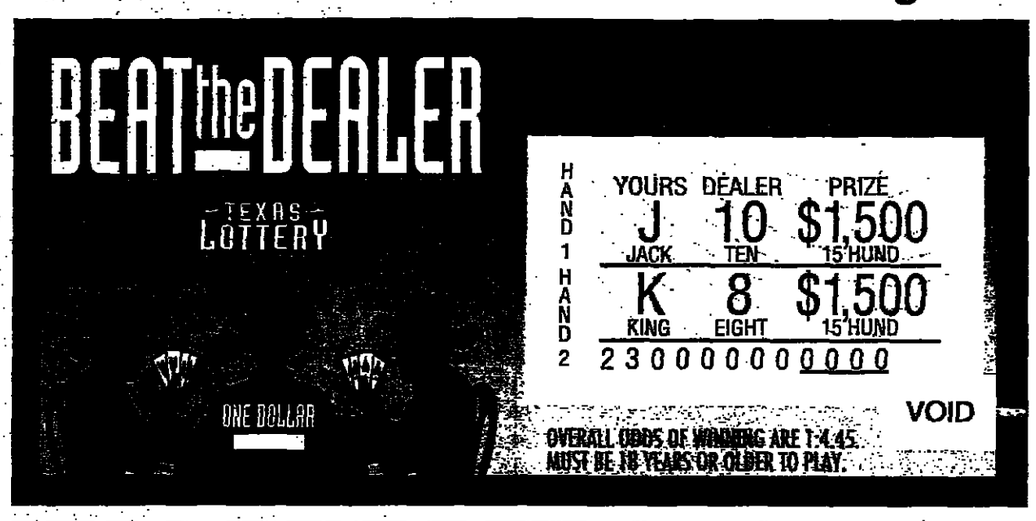
	Jan 30 midday	Jan 27 close
AMP Inc	72½	73½
AMR Corp	57½	58½
AT & T	49½	49½
Abbott Labs	34½	34½
Advanced Micro	29½	30½
Aetna Life	49½	49½
Ahmanson (HF)	16½	16½
Air Prod & Chem	45½	45½
Albertson's	29½	30
Alcan Alumnm	23½	24½
Alco Standard	65	65½
Allied Signal	36½	36½
Alum Co of Am	78½	81
Amax Gold Inc	5	5
Amerada Hess	45½	45½
Amer Brands	38½	37½
Amer El Power	34½	34½
Amer Express	30½	30½
Amer Genl Corp	29½	29
Amer Home Pr	68½	67½
Amer Intl	104½	105½
Amer Stores	23½	24
Ameritech	43½	43½
Amoco	58½	58½
Anheuser-Busch	53½	53½
Apple Computer	40	39½
Archer Daniels	20½	19½
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrong Wrld	45½	45½
Asarco	26½	27½
Ashland Oil	32½	33
Atl Richfield	105½	106½
Auto Data Pro	58½	58½
Avery Dennison	35½	35½
Avon Products	56½	57½
Baker Hughes	18½	18½
Baltm Gas & El	23½	23½
Banc One	29½	29½
BankAmerica	43½	43½
Bank of NY	30½	30½
Bankrs Tr NY	62½	62½
Barnett Banks	42½	42½
Bausch & Lomb	31½	31½
Baxter Intl	28½	28½
Bectn Dickinsn	51½	51½
Bell Atlantic	54½	55½
BellSouth	58½	58½
Black & Decker	24½	24½
Block (H&R)	35	34½
Boeing	45½	45½
Boise Cascade	27½	27½
Borden Inc	13½	13½
Bristol Myrs Sq	60½	60½
Browning Ferris	30½	30½
Brunswick	20½	20½
Burlington Nthn	49½	49½
CBS	58½	58½
CNA Financial	68½	68½
CPC Intl	53½	53½
CSX	72½	73½
Campbell Soup	42½	43½
Can Pacific	13½	13½
Cpd Cities ABC	83½	84½
Carolina Pwr	28	28
Caterpillar	51½	52½
Central & SW	24½	24½
Champion Intl	38½	39
Chase Manhat	33½	33½
Chemical Bk	38½	38½
Chevron Corp	45½	46½
Chrysler	44½	44½
Chubb Corp	80	80
Cigna Corp	67½	66
Citicorp	40½	41½
Clorox	57½	57½
Coastal Corp	27½	27½
Coca Cola	52½	52½
Colgate-Palmolive	60½	61½
Columbia Gas	24½	24
Compaq Comp	38½	38½
Comp Ass Int	50½	51½
Conagra	30½	30½
Conrail	53	52½
Cons Edison	28½	28½
Cons Nat Gas	34½	34½
Cooper Inds	38½	38½
Corning Inc	31½	31½
Crown Cork	40½	39½
Dana Corp	21½	21½
Dayton Hudson	69	69
Deere	71	71½
Delta Air Lines	54	54½
Deluxe Corp	28½	28½
Detroit Edison	27½	27½
Digital Equip	33	33½
Dillard Dept St	26½	26½
Disney (Walt)	50½	50½
Dominion Res	37½	37½
Donnelley (RR)	30½	30½
Dover Corp	57½	57½
Dow Chemical	62½	62½
Dow Jones	32½	32½
Dresser	20	19½
Duke Power	40½	40½
Dun & Bradstreet	49½	49½
Du Pont	53½	54½
Eastman Kodak	49½	48½
Eaton Corp	48½	47½
Emerson Elec	63½	63
Engelhard Corp	24½	25

	Jan 30 midday	Jan 27 close
Enron Corp	29½	28½
Entergy	23½	23½
Ethyl Corp	10½	10½
Exxon	61½	62½
FMC Corp	58½	58½
FPL Group	36	35½
Federal Express	62	61½
Fed Nat Mrge	72½	73½
Frst Chicago	47½	47½
Frst Interstate	74½	73½
First Union Rlty	8½	8
Fleet Finl Grp	31½	31½
Fluor Corp	47½	47
Ford Motor	25	25½
GTE Corp	33½	34
Gannett	51½	52
Gap Inc Del	32½	32½
Gen Dynamics	43½	43½
Gen Electric	50½	50½
Gen Mills	56½	56½
Gen Motors	37½	37½
Gen Reinsurance	127½	127½
Gen Signal	33½	33½
Genuine Parts	37½	37½
Georgia Pac	72½	73½
Gillette	76½	76
Glaxo ADR	19½	19½
Goodrich (BF)	44	43½
Goodyear Tire	35½	35½
Grace (WR)	39	39½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	18½	18½
Great West Fin	17½	17½
Halliburton	36½	36½
Harcourt General	33	33½
Heinz (HJ)	39½	39½
Hercules	116½	117½
Hershey Foods	49½	48½
Hewlett Packard	101½	102½
Hilton Hotels	65½	65½
Home Depot	48	47½
Homestake Mng	15½	15½
Honeywell	34½	34½
Household Intl	40½	40½
Houston Inds	39½	39½
Humana	23½	22½
ITT Corp	88½	89½
Illinois Tool	40½	40½
Inco	22½	22½
INCO	27	27½
Ingersoll Rand	32½	32
Inland Steel	29	30½
Intel Corp	70½	71
IBM	71½	72½
Intl Flav & Fr	48½	48½
Intl Paper	71½	73½
James River Va	22	22½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	56½	57½
Kellogg	54½	55½
Kerr-McGee	48½	48½
Kimberly-Clark	48½	48½
Kmart	13½	14
Knight-Ridder	52½	52½
Lilly (Eli)	64½	64½
Limited Inc	17½	17½
LIN Brdcstng	138	138
Lincoln Nat	35½	35½
Litton	36½	36½
Liz Claiborne	16½	17
Lockheed	72½	73½
Louisiana Pac	26½	26½
MCI Comm	17½	17½
Marriott Int	28½	29½
Marsh & McLnn	78½	77½
Masco Corp	23½	23½
May Dept St	34½	35½
Maytag Corp	14½	14½
McDonalds	32½	32½
McDonnell D	49½	50½
McGraw Hill	65	65½
Mead Corp	49½	50½
Medtronic	59½	59½
Mellon Bk	35½	36
Melville Corp	31	31½
Merck Inc	39½	38½
Merrill Lynch	36½	36½
Minnesota Mine	52	51½
Mobil Corp	81	81½
Monsanto	73½	75½
Morgan (JP)	61½	61½
Motorola Inc	59½	60½
Natl Medical	14½	14½
Natl Semi	18½	18½
Natl Service Ind	26	25½
Navistar Int	15½	16
NBD Bancorp	30	30
NY Times A	21½	21½
Newmont Mng	33½	33½
Niag Mohawk	15½	15½
Nike B	73	73½
NL Industries	12	11½
Noram Energy	5½	5½
Nordstrom	40½	41½
Norfolk Sthrn	63½	63½
Nthn State Pwr	45½	46
Norwest Corp	24	24½
Nynex Corp	38½	38½
Occidental Pet	19½	20
Ohio Edison	20½	20
Oracle Systems	41½	42½
Oryx Energy Co	10½	10½

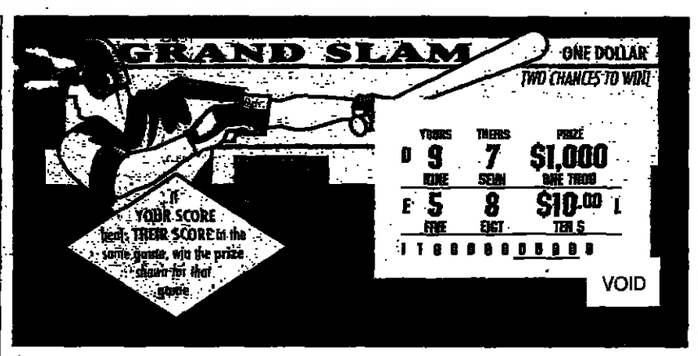
	Jan 30 midday	Jan 27 close
Owens Corning	30½	31
PPG Industries	35	35½
PNC Bank	23½	23½
Paccar Inc	41½	42
Pacificorp	19½	19½
Pac Enterprises	22½	22½
Pac Gas & Elect	24½	25
Pac Telesis	29½	29½
Pall Corp	19½	19½
Panhandle East	20½	21
Parker Hannifin	47½	47½
Peco Energy	26½	26½
Penney (JC)	41½	41½
Pennzoil	45½	46½
Pepsico	36½	36½
Pfizer	80½	80½
Phelps Dodge	54½	55½
Philip Morris	60	60½
Phillips Pet	31½	32½
Pitney Bowes	30½	31½
Polaroid	31	31
PriceCostco	13½	14½
Procter & Gmbl	65½	64½
Providian	33½	33½
Pub Serv E & G	28½	28½
Quaker Oats	34	34½
Ralston Purina	45½	45½
Raychem Corp	37½	38½
Raytheon	66	65½
Reebok Intl	38½	38½
Reynolds Metals	49½	50½
Roadway Srvcs	51½	51½
Rockwell Intl	37½	38
Rohm & Haas	54½	55½
Royal Dutch	113½	113½
Rubbermaid	29½	29½
Safeco Corp	52½	52½
St Paul's Cos	47	48½
Salomon Inc	38½	38½
Santa Fe Pac	18½	18½
Sara Lee Corp	25½	25½
Scecorp	15½	15½
Schering Plough	76½	76½
Schlumberger	53½	54½
Scott Paper	68½	69½
Seagram	28½	29½
Sears Roebuck	44½	45½
Shell Trans	68½	68½
Sherwin Wlms	33½	33½
Skyline Corp	17½	17½
Snap-On-Tools	32½	31½
Southern Co	20½	20½
Sthwestern Bell	43	43½
Sprint Corp	28½	28½
Stanley Works	38½	38½
Sun Company	28½	28½
Sun Microsys	32½	33½
Suntrust	52	51½
Supervalu	23½	23½
Sysco Corp	26½	26½
TRW Inc	62½	63½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	17	17½
Tandy Corp	45½	45½
Teledyne	23½	23½
Temple Inland	45½	46½
Tenneco	42½	42½
Texaco	61½	61½
Texas Inst	70½	71½
Texas Utilities	34½	34
Textron	51½	51½
Time Warner	34½	35½
Times-Mirror	32½	33½
Timken	32½	33½
Torchmark	39½	39½
Toys R Us	29½	29½
Transamerica	50½	51½
Travelers	36½	36½
Tribune	53½	53½
Tyco Labs	49	49½
UST Inc	29½	29½
UAL	93½	94½
USX Marathon	16½	16½
Unicom	25½	26
Unilever NV	119½	119
Union Camp	49½	47½
Union Carbide	26	26½
Union Pacific	48½	48½
Unisys Corp	9	9½
USAIR Group	5½	5½
USF&G Corp	14½	14½
US Life	38	34½
US West	38½	39½
United Tech	64½	65
Unocal Corp	26½	27½
Upjohn	33½	33½
VF Corp	48½	48½
WMX Tech	28½	28
Wal-Mart Stores	22½	22½
Warner-Lambert	75½	75½
Wells Fargo	147½	147½
Westinghouse El	13½	13½
Weyerhaeuser	38	38½
Whirlpool	50½	50½
Whitman	16½	16½
Winn Dixie	53½	54½
Woolworth	15½	15½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	47½	48½
Xerox	103½	103½
Yellow Corp	21½	21½

Mark these words, life will become more of a lottery

Camelot has so far just scratched the surface with its big weekly draws









Instant gratification: scratch games start this spring and may bring in 20-30 per cent of annual lottery turnover

Anyone who thought the National Lottery was going to slip quietly into the fabric of British life will have to think again. Eleven weeks on from the glittering inaugural draw, controversy continues to rage.

Camelot privately admits to being staggered by the amount of money raised since tickets went on sale in mid-November — some £50,000 in the first 12 minutes alone. Sales to December 31 were about 15 per cent ahead of projections.

Early predictions proved embarrassingly conservative. Six month ago, Camelot was talking of a weekly jackpot of £3 million, and explained the need to cap unclaimed jackpots after three consecutive draws to prevent "excessive" levels of payout. Already jackpots of £7 million a week have become commonplace and Camelot is starting to talk about the possibility of a £40 million superprize. Statistically, a full rollover should take place once every two years.

Early losers include the football pools companies, which have been forced to consider radical changes in an attempt to keep pace. Vernons announced last week that it was making a sixth of its workforce redundant in the face of a 15 per cent fall in revenue. Zetters said yesterday that turnover was down more than 10 per cent on last year. The company announced major changes to its coupon and said an intensive cost reduction programme was under way. The Government has responded by lifting the ban on pools firms advertising on TV and radio.

There are more fireworks to come. This spring, unsuspecting punters will be treated to Lottery Phase Two: the launch of dozens of colourful instant-win games — or scratch cards — promising top prizes of £25,000 or more. The first batch is likely to go on sale in March or April, rounding off a process that began in earnest last July, when Camelot Group was awarded the licence to set up and run Britain's first national lottery since 1826.

The launch will lack the hype of November's debut, but nobody should doubt its importance to Camelot's masterplan. Instant games are expected to make up 20-30 per cent of total lottery sales — not to be sneezed at, when one is talking of expected peak turnover of £5.5 billion a year.

About 12,000 newsagents and corner shops will be equipped to sell instant games in addition to the mainstream lottery sales network of 10,000 outlets at launch, rising to 27,000 by the end on 1996.

Scratch cards are immensely popular in America, where shoppers invariably buy one or two games along with the groceries. People give them as presents at Christmas, or enclose a couple with birthday cards as a treat. The promise of an instant prize is tantalising. Why wait until Saturday, when a fistful of cash beckons?

Instant games typically make up 40 per cent of total lottery turnover worldwide. Camelot expects revenue to be lower in the UK, mainly because they lack novelty value. We already have petrol station games and charity scratch cards.

Games will take a variety of themes — Christmas, Easter and football, card games, and noughts and crosses. Some will have thousands of smaller prizes, perhaps £10, and a top prize capped at £10,000. Others will have fewer prizes but a higher jackpot. The odds of winning an instant prize will be between one-in-four and one-in-seven, compared with one-in-54 for the televised on-line game. Five tickets in a batch of 30 would be likely to produce a prize.

For some colourful examples of what lies ahead, one need look no further than the rolling plains of Texas, where Camelot's technical partner, GTECH, holds sway. Money-hungry wranglers can try their luck at Moolah Mania, which features a cow clad in boots and sunglasses. Scratch away the surface, match three identical prize amounts and you win the featured sum — up to $20,000 in this case.

Other instant games include Cactus Cash, Lone Star Millions, Armadillo Dollars, and Grand Slam. Instant Million pays out just that, $1 million, if you match two symbols. Win for Life will win you $1,000 a week for life if you match the word "life" three times. A punt typically costs $1 or $2.

Camelot's instant game prizes will be considerably lower to avoid clashing with the weekly on-line game. Instant games are likely to be produced in batches of 40 million or more. Each batch will have a handful of big prizes and a range of smaller ones. When all tickets in the batch have been sold, a fresh game will be introduced. Tickets will be bar-coded and numbered to guard against false claims.

The weekly lottery itself has brought no shortage of statistics. For example, about 20 per cent of combinations are not played at all.

About 60 per cent of sales take place on Friday and Saturday, mirroring trends overseas. Ticket sales hit £4 million an hour on the day of the recent £17 million superdraw — a take of more than £66,000 per minute.

One modest outlet, a newsagent in East Sheen, south-west London, was selling 4,000 tickets an hour at peak. Britain's most successful lottery outlet has been identified as the Lombard Street post office in the City of London. The outlet is open only 8am-6pm Monday to Friday, but the value of ticket sales has been swelled by the large number of syndicates from City finance houses taking part. It is common to find 400-strong syndicates in the City each staking £5 a head.

Overall ticket sales are averaging £55 million a week. Divided among the current network of 12,000 outlets, this gives an average take per retailer of just under £4,600 a week. Five per cent of this is paid in commission to the retailer — an average of £230 per week.

Camelot expects a typical retail outlet to earn about £6,000-£7,000 a year in commission on ticket sales. This clashes sharply with the findings of Verdict, a retail analysis firm, which has twice produced misleading reports on the lottery's progress.

Verdict claimed retailers could expect to average up to £23,000 in extra commission per year, but it got its sums wrong. It divided projected annual sales among 10,000 retail outlets, forgetting that the network was due to quadruple in size. Verdict made a similar mistake in claiming that weekly sales were falling short by £35 million.

Camelot is sensitive to criticism of the weekly televised show hosted by Gordon Kennedy and Anthea Turner. It says the live draw continues to attract a sustained audience of 15-16 million, compared with less than 13 million for *Blind Date*. Camelot says the initial television format will run until the end of March, but does not rule out changes after that.

Meanwhile, the money comes pouring in. The first 11 draws produced ticket sales of just under £620 million — netting £74 million for the Treasury. This has provided a windfall of more than £30 million so far for the five members of the Camelot consortium: GTECH, Cadbury Schweppes, Racal Electronics, De La Rue and ICL.

The average cut to Camelot over the seven-year term of the licence is 5p in the pound — the figure is currently higher — but operating costs leave little to go round. Camelot is understood to have less than 1 per cent to put in the bank towards paying off its start-up costs.

Calling from the rooftops to tap into a new market

Ionica pins its hopes on novel phone technology, writes **Eric Reguly**

Of the dozens of telecommunications companies formed since 1991, when the Government dismantled the BT-Mercury duopoly, one stands out for its unusual strategy. Ionica, pinning its future on unfamiliar technology, will use radio signals to connect phone customers.

Transmitters will zap the digital signals to an octagonal antenna, 12 inches across, mounted on the roof of a house. Nothing else will change. The house does not have to be rewired to accommodate the newfangled system and customers can go on using their old phones, faxes and answering machines.

So what is the advantage? Cost, said Nigel Playford, Ionica's managing director. Unlike BT, Ionica will not have to maintain a network of underground or overhead copper wires; lower infrastructure charges will mean lower charges to customers. "There will be substantial savings across the board," he said.

Mr Playford would not give details about the expected savings. The precise tariffs, in fact, are unknown because the system is still being tested, in East Anglia.

> Lower charges on infrastructure will mean substantial savings across the board

A fortnight ago, the company announced that it had received its billing software, developed by Generic Technology, a local company, allowing it to start commercial service this year. "We have just about everything we need now," Mr Playford said.

Ionica, which is based in Cambridge, is the only telecoms operator to rely on radio signals to develop a fixed, national phone network.

It also stands out because it is attacking the residential market, which is dominated by BT. Almost all other newcomers are going after business or mobile phone customers. Ionica's goal is to have one million customers within five years, or about 5 per cent of the market.

BT does not consider that Ionica is a threat. It does not think that many customers will go through the hassle of dumping BT because Ionica will provide essentially the same service. Mr Playford said that Ionica will offer innovative services, but he would not give details. The option of being able to use several separate phone lines is thought to be one feature in the works.

But BT makes its confident prediction without the benefit of knowing Ionica's prices. If they are only 5 per cent less, BT will probably not have much to worry about. If they are 20 per cent lower, Ionica could be a contender.

"I don't think the advantages are so overwhelming that it'll be a runaway success unless it's a lot cheaper," said one analyst.

Ionica, created in 1991, has a lot of believers. Many of its 300 shareholders are well known, including Yorkshire Electricity, Northern Electric, Robert Fleming Investment Trust and Telecom Finland, which is rolling out its own radio-telephony system. Management owns about 25 per cent. Northern Telecom is its equipment supplier.

The shareholders have pumped £50 million into Ionica. The company needs more, and discussions are being held with existing and potential shareholders. A flotation could happen within the year, and SG Warburg has been tapped to study the idea. However, analysts say that a flotation would have a better chance once Ionica secures a solid customer base.

Convinced of the potential of its technology, Ionica is not limiting itself to Britain. It recently started Ionica International, a subsidiary that will make its radio-telephony expertise available overseas. Developing countries are the most likely clients.

Countries such as China have very few terrestrial phone lines and may not be able to build a BT-style network.

Radio telephony, if it proves itself in Britain, will be seen as one alternative to the expense of digging thousands of miles of trenches for cable. Mexico has already licensed the technology.

"The overseas potential is huge," Mr Playford said.

City Diary

Handful of Welsh Gold

IF YOU ever dreamed of (legally) picking up a handful of gold, then trip along to Dolgellau, Wales, pay £9.50 — or £2 less if you are a pensioner — and, with luck, gold is there for the taking. Welsh Gold, whose public offer to subscribe for three million shares at 50p each opens today is offering a tourist tour of its Gwynfynydd gold mine, during which DIY addicts are kitted up in hard hat, lamp and boots, and left to bash rocks like real miners. Tourists are unlikely to gather enough gold to rival the one-kilogram bar that former owner Sir Mark Weinberg gave to The Queen in 1986 — the Palace traditionally fashions rings for Royal weddings using Welsh gold. However, Roland Phelps, the current owner, assures me visitors can keep whatever gold they find, adding that one visitor recently gathered in £200 worth of yellow metal. Tourist numbers are expected to swell from 20,000 to 35,000, which should be useful traffic through the company's high margin retail shop. Add in the premium over the world price which gold of Welsh origin commands, and Welsh Gold should be a golden cash cow. Net profits are projected at £805,000, equivalent to a prospective p/e of seven at the offer price, and an initial dividend of 2.4p, rising to 4p a share, is likely. Why bother trekking to Africa?



Tapping a rich vein

Toy bash

IT IS adults only at the Toy Fair at Olympia. However, one of the few really youthful persons there was Chris Wilkinson, 15, a magician demonstrating magic games at Sir Andrew Lloyd-Webber's Really Useful Company stand. My colleague Victoria McKee, a writer on the toy industry and member of the National Toy Council, has managed to bring her offspring on several occasions as vital assistants-testers-photographic models and spotters of new trends. This year, her well-behaved ten and 13-year-olds were nearly hustled out on several occasions by security guards despite being properly authorised. It seems exhibitors worry that their multimillion pound orders might be jeopardised should some shrewd kid express an unfavourable comment, or pull apart a prototype, just as a deal was being clinched.

Pork chopped

RICHARD NEEDHAM, the Trade Minister, yesterday heard actress Maureen Lipman tell guests at the Chinese New Year lunch hosted by the London Export Group and the 48 Group Club, how you know when a politician is telling the truth. "When he scratches his head, his chin and then his nose. But when he opens his mouth . . .", she added. Needham later rose to his feet, scratched his head, nose and chin and said: "Thank you Miss Piggy" — polite enough considering that the Year of the Pig was dawning.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Letters

Home income plan cases taking IOB longer to resolve

From the Insurance Ombudsman

Sir, A correspondent in this column (Mr R.T. Ballantine, January 21) feels disillusioned with the ability of the Insurance Ombudsman Bureau to carry out its obligations. His letter to you crossed with one to him from the IOB, telling him that his insurer has been asked by us to provide substantial interim payment to ease his situation. Final resolution of his case will see him compensated in accordance with the IOB/Lautro guidelines, which have been commended in your pages and elsewhere for their comprehensiveness and fairness.

My Annual Report for 1994 is due for publication next month. It will confirm the IOB's average processing time during the year has been less than four months per case. home income plan cases unfortunately take a great deal longer than that to resolve. That is a reflection of the particular complexity of these cases, and the IOB is not alone in experiencing this.

However, I must also acknowledge that, on occasions, the IOB has not met its own service standards when dealing with them. A specialised unit recently created in the IOB is addressing this problem for the future.

I understand your correspondent's distress. Through the IOB's intervention he will be receiving compensation from his insurer to alleviate it. He has received an apology from the IOB for the length of time he has been waiting, but with awards made by the IOB to date in home income plan cases alone totalling almost £2.2 million, any suggestion that the IOB is ineffectual must be firmly refuted.

Yours faithfully,
LAURIE SLADE,
Insurance Ombudsman,
The Insurance Ombudsman Bureau,
City Gate One,
135 Park Street, SE1.

Shareholders' rights and Peps

From Mr Geoffrey Holden

Sir, You report (January 25) on ProShare's proposals to give nominee shareholders their usual rights. The proposals would have been unnecessary had the Stock Exchange done its job properly. Their new settlement rules could hardly have been better devised to discourage individual ownership. Ways can be found to ease the effect of the rules, but surely the exchange should be trying to encourage individual ownership rather than the contrary.

Pennington comments in the same issue that nominee ownership is inevitable for Peps. It is not. It is currently a legal requirement, but if the object of Peps was to encourage individuals to invest in stocks and shares, why should not those people be allowed to declare formally to the Revenue which of their holdings they wish to be Peps. The same rules could then apply. But City institutions would lose a sizeable income.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY HOLDEN,
Crispins,
East End,
North Leigh,
Witney, Oxon.

Double fazing the glazing man

From Mr P. B. Soul

Sir, With cold calls by telephone on the increase, at least they are becoming easier to recognise early and nip in the bud. Recently I succeeded in asking a caller: "Can I sell you double glazing?" almost before he had finished giving his name. It was a pleasure to hear him splutter: "Actually I was hoping to sell you double glazing," and this was followed by a pause long enough for me to decline the offer politely and put the phone down. As an alternative measure, would BT be willing to place an asterisk against directory entries on request, to indicate "No cold callers"? And would it work?

Yours faithfully,
PETER SOUL,
51 Lakeside,
Earley,
Reading,
Berks.

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The Companies have also become aware that they have been named as Principals in what purports to be a Binding Authority Agreement dated 15 December 1993 in which Steele Smith Roberts & Lawson Insurance Management ("Steele Smith") of London, UK is named as Agent for the Companies.

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The Companies are not party to the Binding Authority Agreement and have not at any time given any authority to Steele Smith to issue or arrange any insurance or reinsurance on their behalf.

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* Pan Oceanic Insurance Co of Edmon, Oklahoma, USA and Panama.

Any person who has or may have relied on any such authority or who has any relevant information should contact the undersigned.

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
0895 256 783				
Gtrfund Acc	155.50	164.50	+ 1.70	0.18
Gtrfund Equity	220.10	232.30	+ 0.60	2.17
Gtrfund Euro	190.40	201.50	+ 0.60	0.47
Gtrfund Exst Bal	104.60	106.80	..	3.95
Gtrfund Gilt	72.35	74.58	+ 0.05	5.13
Gtrfund Japan	161.70	171.10	+ 2.40	..
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
0203 553 231				
General Acc	505.30	537.80	- 0.50	2.95
General Inc	445.50	474.00	- 0.80	2.95
UK Growth Acc	340.20	362.00	- 0.80	3.03
UK Growth Inc	232.90	247.80	- 0.50	3.03
Higher Inc Acc	537.90	572.70	- 1.30	4.23
Higher Inc Inc	358.70	382.30	- 1.10	4.23
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	181.90	192.30	..	8.08
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	88.44	93.43	- 0.04	6.08
Nth America	251.50	267.60	+ 0.50	..
Far East	318.00	338.40	+ 5.10	0.23
Europe	258.40	272.60	+ 0.70	1.03
Int Equity	87.79	72.12	+ 0.14	2.24
Int Fixedint Acc	99.31	103.10	- 0.30	4.99
Int Fixedint Inc	71.11	75.65	- 0.19	4.99
Global Opps	79.24	84.30	+ 0.54	0.46
Tokyo-nse Acc	51.35	54.63†	..	3.19
Balanced Inc	50.10	53.30†	+ 0.01	3.19
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	126.36	134.60†	+ 0.10	7.96
High Inc Equity	151.30	161.80†	- 0.20	4.68
Worldwide Bond	259.10	274.90†	+ 1.60	5.53
Capital Growth				
American Growth	263.70	284.80†	+ 1.50	.84
Asian Pacific	376.30	398.90†	+ 1.90	..
Assets & Earnings	242.80	258.30	- 0.70	3.02
Country & Energy	88.14	100.40	- 0.10	..
Euro Growth	125.90	134.70	+ 0.40	.72
(Accum Units)	134.50	143.80	+ 0.30	.72
General	212.80	227.40	- 1.20	2.39
Japan	118.90	125.90	+ 1.20	..
Mastermind	118.10	125.90	+ 0.20	1.78
UK Growth Dlr	114.10	122.00	+ 0.20	2.83
US Emerging Cos	127.50	136.40	+ 0.70	..
Income & Growth	354.00	380.80	- 1.80	3.29
Special Sit	64.42	68.43	- 0.01	3.00
International	107.20	114.80	+ 0.90	1.12
Dividend & Growth	56.69	60.21†	+ 0.01	4.67
Global Gwth & Inc	66.12	70.51	+ 0.17	2.96
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
031 220 0733				
Utr Small Cos	£16.12	£16.79		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 388				
Amer Inc & Growth	41.86	43.47	+ 0.05	0.71
Cash	93.33	93.33†	+ 0.02	4.47
European	105.80	110.60	- 0.30	..
Gearing	109.00	110.05†	- 0.70	1.86
Extra Income #	46.67	49.09†	+ 0.01	6.14
Far East Emg Eco	101.30	107.70	+ 0.60	0.58
Fixed Interest #	52.47	53.58†	+ 0.05	6.17
Fixed Inv Tst	164.70	173.30	+ 0.10	0.97
Japan	169.30	177.10	+ 3.10	..
Latin American	97.36	102.50	- 1.14	0.82
Pacific	64.54	68.00	+ 0.40	0.39
Property Share	59.68	62.82†	- 0.05	2.18
UK Emerging Cos	60.92	63.52†	+ 0.06	1.95
UK Growth	41.89	44.30	+ 0.02	2.65
Alter World Port #	97.17	98.52	+ 0.17	2.83
Capital	59.22	62.16†	- 0.10	2.83
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	46.86	48.86†	+ 0.01	7.68
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
031 549 9292				
British Growth	65.92	70.13†	- 0.09	2.72
British Income	76.58	81.36†	- 0.08	3.44
Select Portfolio	80.03	85.14†	- 0.01	..
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
0452 305 958				
Amity Income	70.94	75.27	- 0.03	2.58
Income Builder Inc	64.25	68.38†	- 0.25	3.04
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
FA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	214.30	229.40	- 1.40	3.41
Capital	376.50	402.40	- 2.10	2.05
Balanced	628.10	671.40†	- 5.80	2.96
Accumulator	511.63	512.43	- 0.80	3.26
Income Trusts				
American Income	45.37	48.58†	+ 0.02	3.87
High Income	363.80	388.90	- 2.60	3.97
Equity Income	205.20	219.30†	- 1.60	3.89
High Yield	228.70	238.90	- 1.60	3.68
Gilt Securities	92.52	34.34†	+ 0.05	6.17
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	135.30	145.70	- 0.10	0.48
European Growth	32.46	34.84	+ 0.01	0.01
International	147.20	157.40†	+ 0.40	0.71
Japan	186.80	200.30†	+ 3.60	0.01
Pacific	345.20	370.00†	+ 3.40	0.01
Specs of America	386.10	421.50†	- 0.10	0.55
Venture Asset Val	44.32	47.37	+ 0.21	0.25
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Values	480.50	513.60†	- 2.90	2.47
Cons & Gilt	40.14	42.90†	- 0.07	5.40
Smaller Cos	158.30	170.20†	- 0.30	1.26
2nd Smaller Cos	152.00	162.40	- 0.30	1.52
Recovery	125.20	133.80	+ 0.70	1.96
Mid, Min & City	137.30	146.70	- 2.90	0.61
Opps Earnings	320.10	342.10†	- 2.30	1.57
Technology	153.60	163.50	+ 0.60	0.01
Utr Special Sits	415.19	443.70	- 1.80	1.95
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0293 526 911				
Cnvrcld Gwt Pens	94.80	98.48	..	3.04
Foundtn Pens Pens	58.44	61.75	..	2.28
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0035				
Capital	68.41	70.65‡	- 0.19	1.96
International	58.86	62.62‡	..	..
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
031 222 4242				
America	283.09	283.58	+ 2.90	..
Bond	108.26	114.80†	+ 0.20	7.29
Brit Smlr Cos	90.82	98.77‡	- 0.68	1.52
Cons & Gen #	92.99	97.81	- 0.05	5.57
Europe	208.16	221.80	- 0.30	0.52
Exm Smlr Cos	95.10	101.30	+ 0.10	0.61
Income Gwth	339.70	361.80†	- 0.60	4.49
Japan	292.30	310.50	+ 4.30	..
Latin American	95.55	99.73	+ 1.19	..
Pacific	91.87	97.73	- 0.98	0.82
UK Smlr Cos	59.36	63.69†	+ 0.21	1.41
Japan Fd	646.00	688.10	+ 11.10	..
Mngd Fd	162.80	172.50	- 0.20	3.05
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
071 489 6873				
Bnk & Ocnsc	260.00	273.70	..	1.34
Capital Gwth	164.30	169.80	..	2.44
Wrldw Opps	167.10	175.90	..	0.45
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	330.70	334.10	+ 0.68	3.11
European Bd Inc	86.46	88.59†	+ 0.36	7.58
Financial	69.24	73.86	- 0.09	4.46
Financial Gt Inc	68.06	72.60	- 0.37	2.98
Gold &	421.00	450.30	+ 0.10	2.62
General	256.50	273.20	+ 0.10	2.63
Property	246.60	263.80	..	6.71
Trustee	168.80	180.50†	- 0.30	2.59
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.30	100.30†	..	5.18
Extra Income	110.50	118.20	- 0.10	4.32
Gilt & Fxd Int	96.37	97.76	- 0.05	8.29
Income	492.90	516.50†	- 0.20	4.35
Income Builder	59.84	63.86	- 0.04	4.95
Ind Income	58.25	61.97†	+ 0.41	3.85
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	110.30	117.70	+ 0.10	2.57
Income	115.90	123.00	+ 0.10	1.70
Recovery	361.50	408.90	- 0.10	2.57
Smlr Cos Inc	41.86	44.67	- 0.05	2.06
Special Sits	267.80	288.00	- 0.70	1.72
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	118.30	126.40	- 0.40	0.74
Asia Acc	205.40	244.00	- 0.70	2.25
Asia Inc	141.10	150.10†	- 0.40	3.25
Euro Smlr Cos	141.70	150.30	+ 0.30	0.77
(Accum Units)	151.60	160.90	+ 0.40	0.77
Japan & Gen Inc	164.80	174.50	+ 2.10	..
(Accum Units)	176.70	176.50	+ 2.10	..
Japan Smlr Cos	75.63	80.15	+ 1.15	..
Unv Tech Inc	73.47	78.08	+ 0.29	0.05
Worldwide	155.60	165.40†	+ 1.10	0.67
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
021 658 9002				
American Growth	87.58	92.96	+ 0.68	..
Amer Smlr Cos	132.30	140.90	+ 0.50	..
Commodities	53.90	57.20	..	5.70
Eastern	227.30	240.90	+ 2.60	0.10
Equity Income	92.95	98.52†	- 0.10	4.98
European Growth	179.90	206.30	+ 0.50	0.80
Far East	206.10	219.30	+ 1.60	0.70
Gearing Growth	99.54	73.78	+ 0.20	0.50
Global Bond	90.00	63.19†	- 0.20	6.20
Global Growth	115.60	123.30	+ 1.30	..
Japan Growth	115.60	123.30	+ 1.30	..
Japan Smlr Cos	152.00	162.40	- 0.30	1.52
Recovery	167.10	177.90	+ 2.90	..
Xtra Yield	71.56	79.16	+ 0.65	..
Portfolio	121.30	129.80	- 0.20	1.80
(Accum Units)	221.70	236.90	- 0.70	1.80
Pacific Basin	73.65	83.67	- 0.18	1.40
Uk Smaller Cos	89.61	96.21	- 0.07	1.88
Spec Managers	69.27	74.23	+ 0.08	1.10
BLACKSTORE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
071 250 3300				
Ind Cmth Port Inc	69.63	74.07‡	..	..
Special Oppor Inc	49.86	53.15	..	..

For Brown Dolphin see CEM Dolphin

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
041 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	96.36	104.08	- 0.09	1.97
(Accum Units)	110.58	117.90	- 0.09	1.97
Smaller Cos	96.12	100.65	- 0.01	1.28
Higher Yield #	41.52	44.04†	..	4.65
American Gth Inc	68.34	73.21	- 0.09	..
European Growth	129.94	137.59	- 0.14	..
(Accum Units)	132.50	140.21	- 0.14	..
Capital Bond Inc #	29.92	28.75	- 0.10	7.83
Mngd Pfolio Inc	39.69	41.35	+ 0.08	1.68
(Accum Units)	39.64	41.93	+ 0.08	1.68
Int Spec Opps	104.75	110.82	- 0.14	..
Pacific Gwth	112.43	118.98	+ 1.58	..
Formerly LAS				
UK Extnded #	99.23	73.26†	- 0.20	3.73
(Accum Units) #	70.89	75.05	- 0.27	3.73
Japan	91.35	96.30	- 0.18	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	93.59	96.30	- 0.18	7.53
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 489 7276				
Short Dated Gilt	64.63	65.47	+ 0.13	8.29
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
061 837 5060				
Growth	145.00	154.30†	+ 0.20	1.74
UK Growth	150.50	160.90	..	2.47
UK Income	125.40	133.50	- 0.10	4.57
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	175.10	183.50†	+ 0.20	2.16
<In> Income Dist	103.70	108.90	- 0.20	4.56
(Accum Units)	312.90	321.60	- 0.80	4.56
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.35	41.75	- 0.02	6.57
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
081 236 6480 Enq: 081 236 5685 Dlg: 081 236 5362				
American & Gen	142.10	151.20	+ 0.50	..
European Inc	73.63	78.16	+ 0.16	0.51
Smaller Cos (4-1)	76.68	81.49	- 0.05	2.62
Growth	388.60	414.50	- 3.90	2.54
Income & Growth	371.60	395.40†	- 0.90	4.23
(Accum Units)	530.20	564.10	- 1.40	4.23
Japan & Gen	68.43	72.62	+ 1.34	..
Master Portfolio	196.18	209.07†	+ 2.60	2.09
(Accum Units)	214.77	219.18	+ 3.00	2.09
Special Sits	89.02	94.71†	+ 1.03	2.54
High Yield	£12.14	£12.92	- 3.00	4.70

For Capital House see Rowan

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
071 606 0100				
Cazenove Portfolio	77.89	83.08‡	- 0.13	2.28
American Portfolio	85.63	91.23‡	+ 0.25	1.27
European Portfolio	91.52	97.55	- 0.56	0.81
Japanese Portfolio	81.53	86.43‡	+ 2.00	..
Pacific Portfolio	123.06	134.46	+ 0.67	0.97
UK Inc & Growth	71.80	77.06	- 0.26	3.44
Utility & Bond	52.47	54.95	- 0.18	7.06

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
071 588 1815				
Inv Fund	645.05	651.10	..	4.75
Fxd Int Sec	147.10	147.45	..	9.83
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	59.03	62.79†	- 0.04	3.17
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
071 588 1815				
Inc	636.22	646.19	..	4.65
Access	227.23	227.25	..	9.69
Fixed Int Inc	119.50	119.73	..	..
Fixed Int Acc	185.16	185.45	..	..
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
071 837 7567				
Ind Growth	109.08	119.11	..	..
Uk Income	98.40	107.50	..	5.58
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
071 407 5959				
Beckmore Intl	71.54	75.84	..	1.80
Beck Blo-Tech	24.30	26.91†	..	..
Acorn Ethical Tst	145.18	153.92†	..	0.73
Cyn Pfo Assets	83.25	87.20	- 0.01	1.34
City Fin Assmnt	79.77	83.97	..	0.99
City Fin Intl	69.45	73.12	..	..
City Fin Japan	151.16	159.14†	..	..
Fdrs Hse Cap	252.05	272.69†	- 1.05	1.80
Fdrs Hse Inc	181.64	193.23	+ 0.08	4.27
Beckley Wrld Gdr	114.25	121.54	..	0.10
Calamain Cap Gth	127.20	135.36	..	..
Fairmonds Intl	138.38	147.21	..	..
City Fin Pfio Inc	50.49	53.71‡	..	4.48
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
071 711 0771 Admin: (0277 227 300)				
Emerging Markets	50.50	53.58	+ 0.09	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
Amer Growth	52.69	56.35	+ 0.26	..
Asia Mngd Gwth	33.93	36.18	- 0.40	0.49
Dragon Growth	59.34	63.47	+ 0.35	0.55
Equity High Inc	77.02	81.94	+ 0.24	4.27
Income Mngd	103.57	110.16	+ 0.14	4.27
European Gwth	47.60	50.64	+ 0.05	0.96
Evergreen	26.68	28.52	- 0.06	..
General Equity	77.85	82.60	+ 0.20	2.78
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.76	25.09†	+ 0.01	8.38
Japan Growth	49.30	52.73	+ 2.51	..
Pedigree Gwth	47.02	50.02	- 0.13	2.78
Pref Shr Cnv Inc	24.76	26.53	- 0.03	1.27
(Accum Units)	29.62	31.72	- 0.03	1.27
Recommend Inc #	24.31	25.88	- 0.07	8.24
Special Sits	15.47	37.73	- 0.02	2.16
UK & Overseas	44.42	47.25	+ 0.29	1.50
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0634 896 000				
Capital	61.85	66.14	- 0.02	2.40
Income	58.49	62.72	- 0.05	4.35
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	145.92	155.23	- 0.56	5.78
Fixed & Convertible	38.44	40.89†	+ 0.05	7.52
Monthly Inc Pfio	46.95	49.95	- 0.13	8.97
Preference Share	45.86	48.81†	+ 0.16	7.57
Capital Funds				
High Yield	114.03	121.31†	- 1.72	7.68
Managed Fund	63.04	67.08	+ 0.06	3.14
UK Equity Funds				
Smaller Cos	36.54	38.87	..	1.75
(Accum Units)	41.80	44.47	- 0.01	1.75
UK & General	72.91	76.61	- 0.29	2.88
(Accum Units)	90.13	95.88	- 0.36	2.88
UK Growth	129.70	137.45	- 0.53	2.48
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	169.14	191.64	- 0.13	0.26
Far Eastern Gth	115.96	122.94	+ 1.23	..
Global Bond	74.81	79.48	+ 0.13	6.37
Japan Growth	113.09	120.10	+ 2.41	..
North Amer Gth	154.65	164.52	+ 1.15	..
Oriental Growth	89.69	99.88	+ 0.39	..
Worldwide Growth	80.95	84.84	+ 0.66	0.09
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Dogmoal Fund	92.72	92.72	+ 0.03	5.47
Homewealer Fund	72.04	76.54	+ 0.12	1.97
Quilter Fund	117.88	125.51	- 0.31	3.12
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
0438 744 040				
Growth Inc	53.71	57.13†	- 0.11	3.30
(Accum Units)	58.15	61.86	- 0.12	3.30
High Income	31.66	33.68	- 0.04	4.59
Japan	33.67	35.83	+ 1.49	..
Smaller Cos Inc	28.75	30.58	- 0.02	2.60
Smaller Cos	30.44	32.38	- 0.02	2.60
North American	30.61	32.56	+ 0.05	0.70
Eurapean	35.01	37.24	+ 0.07	0.80
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
071 407 5566				
Consistent Ut	29.32	31.46	..	3.43
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	136.90	145.70	+ 0.90	2.05
Income	84.85	89.00†	+ 0.50	5.39
Eurapean	87.73	91.42	- 0.05	1.19
Recovery	144.10	153.40	- 0.20	2.05
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
071 393 9494				
Equity Dist	778.00	790.80†	..	3.84
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
0277 680 370				
Fxd Income Inc #	68.28	72.61	+ 0.01	1.26
Income #	220.61	234.80	- 0.40	4.55
(Accum Units) #	543.70	578.40	- 0.80	4.55
Smaller Cos	147.70	157.10†	..	0.62
(Accum Units)	180.68	192.10†	+ 0.10	0.62
Inv Portfolio	72.90	77.44	+ 0.13	1.54
High Inc Port #	64.19	68.26	- 0.08	5.08

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	115.68	122.60	..	1.43
Convertibles #	19.45	20.71†	- 0.07	6.76
Equity Income #	116.90	124.20†	- 0.57	4.27
Enrolment	42.58	45.20†	+ 0.06	0.44
Financial	40.45	42.98	..	0.65
Growth & Inc #	217.60	231.20	- 0.90	3.33
High Dist #	142.70	151.60	- 0.60	4.95
International	350.10	372.00	+ 1.60	0.13
Jap Cap Inc	86.34	92.17†	+ 0.23	2.56
Latin American	28.77	30.54	- 0.09	..
Pacific	68.96	74.35	+ 0.30	..
Pacificrance Shpe	21.78	23.14‡	..	7.13
Tokyo	213.00	226.30†	+ 2.40	..
UK Smaller Cos	212.00	225.20	+ 0.20	1.22
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
071 242 0242				
Ecan Trust	136.17	209.46	- 3.17	1.10
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 373 7251				
Endurance Fd	182.20	192.90	..	0.99
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0295 437 488				
Eurapean	74.65	78.58	+ 0.19	1.72
Ethical Tst	41.15	43.32†	+ 0.11	1.45
Far Eastern	268.24	282.33	+ 3.07	2.17
High Income	121.03	127.40	- 0.64	5.69
Int Growth	110.10	115.89†	- 0.13	1.35
North American	102.56	107.92	- 0.62	0.59
Pelican	107.56	113.24	- 0.63	3.38
Smaller Cos	83.82	87.18	- 0.10	2.74
Special Sits	82.98	87.16	+ 0.02	2.67
Tst of Inv Trs	170.45	179.43	+ 0.44	1.62
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 407 5966				
Evermore Cnv Inc	193.59	201.66	- 0.01	1.45
Smaller Cos Acc	338.75	352.66	- 0.02	1.45
Recovery	48.36	51.31	- 0.04	1.38
Recovery Acc	49.79	51.86	- 0.04	1.38
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0392 412 144				
Balanced	107.01	113.84	+ 0.76	6.11
Capital Growth	74.67	80.29	+ 0.03	..
Fd of Inv Trs	41.14	43.09†	+ 0.14	0.66
High Income #	41.96	44.00†	+ 0.08	10.45
Warrant	49.70	54.62	+ 0.39	..
Zero Preference	36.47	38.70†	+ 0.02	..

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
071 407 5995				
High Inc Eqty	44.63	48.90†	- 0.13	3.48
Extra Income #	70.70	74.34	+ 0.15	4.44
Growth	63.11	66.36	..	1.34
Investment Trust	83.75	88.07	+ 0.13	..
UK Smaller Cos	74.07	77.89†	- 0.40	1.03
FRANLIMISTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
071 374 4100				
American Growth	52.21	56.07	+ 0.29	..
(Accum Units)	53.31	58.07	+ 0.29	..
Amer Smlr Cos	441.00	471.70	+ 3.10	..
(Accum Units)	450.50	481.80	+ 5.20	..
Capital Tst	292.00	310.50	- 0.40	1.61
(Accum Units)	417.00	443.50	- 0.40	1.61
Cont Smlr Cos	55.70	59.63	+ 0.25	0.51
(Accum Units)	58.65	62.92	+ 0.25	0.51
Convertible	120.20	127.80†	- 0.30	5.62
(Accum Units)	242.50	258.30†	- 0.40	5.62
Emerging Markets	63.63	68.19†	- 0.26	..
(Accum Units)	63.88	68.25†	- 0.27	..
European	110.60	118.60	+ 0.10	0.14
(Accum Units)	115.10	123.50	+ 0.10	0.14
Extra Income	307.40	328.50†	+ 0.70	4.31
(Accum Units)	461.80	491.10†	+ 0.90	4.11
Financial	112.40	120.50	+ 0.69	0.30
(Accum Units)	118.30	127.30	+ 0.60	0.30
Gilt Trust	90.62	92.51	+ 0.31	8.37
(Accum Units)	94.65	97.30	+ 0.45	8.37
Income & Growth	124.10	132.50	+ 1.20	..
(Accum Units)	175.40	186.60	- 0.40	3.32
Japan & Gen	264.80	281.70	- 0.70	3.32
Intl Growth	333.90	358.10	+ 1.50	..
(Accum Units)	370.70	397.40	+ 1.70	..
Japan & Gen	174.80	175.10	+ 3.60	..
(Accum Units)	186.50	177.50	+ 3.80	..
Managed Fnd Inc	97.57	102.70	+ 0.30	1.49
(Accum Units)	103.40	108.80	+ 0.30	1.49
Monthly Income	153.30	162.50	..	5.37
Recovery Units	49.57	52.72	+ 0.15	4.81
(Accum Units)	53.72	56.07	+ 0.16	4.81
Reserve	319.05	341.10†	+ 0.90	0.13
(Accum Units)	375.35	401.50†	+ 1.06	0.13
Smaller Cos	50.26	53.44	- 0.11	2.79
(Accum Units)	51.77	55.28	- 0.11	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing: 0706 851330 Enq: 0706 851340				
FP Equity Dist	364.20	376.60†	..	2.67
-do- Accum	748.60	795.70	- 0.10	2.67
FP Exec Eth Dist	134.40	143.40	+ 0.40	0.36
-do- Accum	140.50	149.40	+ 0.40	0.36
FP Fixed Int Dist	128.10	135.30†	+ 0.18	7.47
-do- Accum	234.90	248.10†	+ 0.18	7.47
FP Int Inc Dist	84.80	89.50†	+ 0.06	6.27
-do- Accum	88.83	94.50†	+ 1.00	0.66
FP Info Amer Dist	174.90	185.20†	+ 1.20	1.21
-do- Accum	182.70	204.10†	+ 1.30	1.21
FP Pac Basin Dist	257.70	272.10†	+ 1.30	0.26
-do- Accum	285.60	303.80†	+ 5.10	0.25
FP Income	48.71	53.02†	- 0.16	4.34
(Accum Units)	168.90	171.60†	- 0.50	4.34
FP Int Sec Dist	336.10	354.50	+ 2.60	0.0
FP Mthly Dist	68.95	71.41	+ 0.51	6.21
FP Stg Deposit	100.30	100.30†	..	4.89
FP Tokyo	82.59	88.00	+ 2.72	0.0
FP UK Growth	158.10	168.60	+ 1.70	2.85
(Accum Units)	326.20	347.80	+ 3.50	2.85
Extraordinary Dist	302.40	322.60	+ 0.20	2.13
-do- Accum	376.00	399.90	+ 0.30	2.13
Stanbridge Inc Dist	67.52	72.25	+ 0.04	3.86
-do- Accum	67.98	72.77	+ 0.04	3.86
M Am Stmp Dist	90.53	96.30†	+ 0.43	0.79
-do- Accum	95.17	102.30†	+ 0.40	0.79
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Emrg Acc	100.40	106.80	+ 0.30	0.78
Cap Eth Inc Acc	102.50	109.00	+ 0.10	0.47
Cap Eth Inc Inc	97.57	103.90	+ 0.46	1.62
Cap Gth Inc Acc	99.27	105.60	+ 0.46	1.62
Cap Gth Inc Inc	100.60	107.00	+ 0.20	1.80
Cap Gth Stb Ir Ac	102.10	108.60	+ 0.20	1.80
Mid Mkt Trusts				
American	42.45	45.15	+ 0.12	1.22
Australian	266.70	315.90	- 1.50	0.0
Convalesce	65.19	69.

Double-digit losses

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

PHARMACEUTICALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615	311½	Brit Biotech	530	...	...	...
488	318	Cantab Pharms	318	...	...	...
243	191	Celltech	239	+ 3	...	...
151	88	Chiroscience	113	- 1	...	...
47	36	Cortecs	36	- 1	...	...
157	103	Fisons	109	+ 1½	3.1	...
725	520	Glaxo	610	- 7	5.5	14.7
185	95½	Grampian Hdg	108	+ 1	6.4	20.0
187	120	Medeva	170	- 1	2.1	13.7
3	1¼	Premier Health	1½	...	...	...
330	227	Quality Care†	250	...	2.2	...
327	242	Scotia	327	...	...	...
83	44	Shield Diag	55	...	...	...
476	357½	SmithKline	449	- 1	3.4	17.5
448	322	SmithKline Uts	421	+ 1	3.7	16.4
1005	488	Wellcome	981	- 17	2.2	22.3
934	672	Zeneca	880	- 5	3.9	17.7

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
683	507	Allied Domecq†	509	- 6	5.6	13.8
459	358	Bulmer (HP)†	393	...	3.5	21.2
140	105	Burn Stewart	130	...	5.2	26.4
506	352	Grand Met†	381	- 7	4.8	18.9
542	409½	Guinness	416	- 5	3.9	13.7
457	353	Highland Dstl	407	- 2	2.2	18.6
222	127	Macallan-Glen	214	...	0.7	56.1
710	365	Morlo Mrtz 'A'	690	...	1.8	29.7
614	515	Matthew Clark†	542	+ 1	4.3	24.9
250	61	Minmet W	72	+ 1	4.3	...
190	142	Taunton Cider†	146	...	5.8	11.3

SUPPORT SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	74	ACT Group	74	- 18	8.9	7.8
743	583	ADT	630	...	...	...
46	34	Alphameric	40	...	...	30.5
140	59	Auto Sec	70	...	...	9.1
162	99	BET Ord	102½	...	4.2	14.6
195	115	BNB Res	168	...	3.8	19.6
255	175	BPP	235	...	4.7	16.8
186	130	BSM	151	+ 2	5.3	12.8
3	¼	Black & Edg	2¼	...	...	...
1100	500	Borland	525	...	...	...
226	159	Brit Data Mgt	186	...	3.6	13.1
78	57	Brooks Service	62	+ 3	3.5	...
117½	78	CRT Gp	79	...	5.4	19.2
238	150	Capita Group	150	...	2.3	19.1
423	277½	Chubb Sect	307	+ 1	2.7	17.9
243	105	Compar People	232	...	1.3	32.8
85	41	Corp Services	51	...	0.5	22.9
57	48	Coutts Cnslig	53	...	0.9	...
275	212	Davis Service	230	- 2	4.4	15.4
83	66	Dudley Jenkns	74	...	5.7	13.8
164	79	EW Fact	80	...	7.7	6.0
190½	135	El Data Prc	140	...	1.8	13.6
334	261	Hays	289	...	2.6	19.7
386	182	Hogg Robinson	182	- 2	5.0	11.7
30	18	Holmes Protectn	27	...	...	1.6
15	9	Int Cry & Data	11½	...	...	5.8
2695	1558	ISS B DKr	1675	+ 3½	6.3	1.8
185	126	JBA Hldgs	161	...	1.9	16.4
414	227	Johnson Clean	230	...	5.9	9.3
145	99	Kalamazoo	109	...	4.8	12.3
334	221	Kewill Syst	254	...	3.7	9.3
35	17	Laser-Scan	19	...	...	...
143½	68	LBMS	77	- 1	...	...
8	4	Lap	4½	...	...	...
326	266	Logica	313	- 1	2.0	22.1
364	65½	MDIS	68	...	11.5	4.8
208	143	MMT Comp	198	...	3.3	15.7
216	102	MR Data Mngt	121	- 2	5.7	...
733	418	Macro 4	418	- 5	8.0	11.7
1865½	1156½	Manpower	1675	- 21½	0.2	...
1320	790	Micro Focus	833	- 7	...	10.1
178	101	Microgen	117	- 1	8.1	...
548½	408	Misys	419	...	2.8	13.0
206	141½	MITIE Gpt	204	+ ¼	1.8	20.7
35	22	Movo Group†	27	...	0.8	10.4
35	22	OS Ind	24	...	9.9	4.5
85	60	P & P	83	+ 3	3.9	20.6
118	65	Michael Page	116	...	2.5	28.5
143	90	Parity	115	- 3	2.4	35.6
236	150	Pegasus	155	...	4.0	15.8
115	82	Perma	105	...	4.8	...
89½	60½	Proudfoot	68	- 1	6.4	11.7
415	280	RCO	280	- 3	7.4	...
48	27	Radius	35	...	1.2	...
183	73	Real Time	177	- 1	2.8	13.4
173	104	Reed Executive	143	...	0.9	...
163	105	Reliance Sect	143	...	4.4	21.8
279	199½	Rentokil	224	+ ½	1.7	23.1
194	135	Ricardo Group	136	...	5.5	16.5
215	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	184	- 1	2.7	23.3
688	507	Sage Grpt	668	+ 2	2.0	...
392	243	Salvesen (C)†	270	- 1	3.8	14.0
94	76	Sanderson Elect	85	...	4.2	12.3
17½	9	Select App	13½	...	...	...
438	310	Serco Gp	389	...	1.1	24.1
307	243	Serco Gp	280	...	1.6	25.5
199	138	Servisair	168	...	2.8	27.3
130	75	Shared Comp	88	...	...	...
130	90	Sketchley	92	...	4.3	15.5
254	171	Spil-Plas	171	...	8.7	16.2
136	100	Unipalm	126	...	...	...
31	12½	Vistec	13½	...	3.7	7.4
65	37	WSP Hldgs	44	...	5.4	25.8
338	272	Wamer Howard	274	...	3.6	12.8

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
486	353½	BT†	389½	- 4½	5.4	14.2
543	350½	Cable Wireless†	371	- 8	2.9	15.2
206	108	Filtronic Com	189	+ 20	0.5	39.1
1543	1146	Securicor	1515	- 3	0.3	34.5
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	934	- 6	0.5	21.3
892	606	Security Serv	755	- 8	1.1	20.9
221	157½	Vodafone†	188½	- 2	2.0	24.4

MEDIA

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	270	Abbott Mead	330	...	2.2	30.7
355	198	Adscene	305	...	2.7	21.8
33	17½	Aegis Gp	27	...	...	...
11½	5½	Allied Radio	7	...	...	...
28	13	BBB Design	13	...	...	35.9
235	155	Barbour Index	184	...	6.0	16.2
13½	5½	Blenheim	5½	...	...	...
345	320	Black (A&C)	320	...	5.3	11.6
402	178	Blenheim Gp	188	+ 3	8.9	7.0
205	133	Boxer TVt	180	...	2.6	17.8
413	353	Brtsat	354	...	4.4	38.0
259	245	B Sky B	255	- 1½	...	48.0

OTHER FINANCIAL

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	75	BWD	77	...	5.8	6.3
130	96	Baltic Plc	127	...	2.0	8.0
185	73	Berry Bch Nbl	74	- 2	8.5	11.2
215	150	Biotec Inv	150	...	...	...
154	108	Brewin Dolphin	118	...	6.1	8.7

PRINTING & PAPER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
184	122	AG Holdings	127	...	5.4	12.0
444	336	APH	399	+ 10	2.8	...
316	225	Arjo Wiggins	227	- 6½	3.5	34.2
205	145	Aspen Comm	168	...	3.8	18.9
472	347	Bemrose	370	- 8	4.2	13.2
171	97	Bogden	110	...	1.7	51.4
524	409	Bowater	410	- 7	4.0	15.4
1912½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1758½	- 46½	...	...
297	242	Boxtrox Ind	269	...	1.9	16.4
515	435	Br Polythene	502	- 7	3.0	17.7
176	30	Br Thornton†	30	- 2	18.8	2.6
180½	112	Britton Grp	123	...	2.5	18.1
186	139	Bunzl	164	- 2	3.1	19.3
188	129	Capitol Inds	143	...	4.0	11.1
2446½	1898½	Carnaud Md	2159½	+ 6½	2.2	16.7
428	279	Cropper (James)	279	...	1.6	14.7
1035	825	De La Rue	1005	+ 2	2.6	18.3
114	72	Delyn Group	72	...	2.9	13.1
137	101	Dolphin Pack	101	...	6.6	13.0
101	75	Fairway Group	90	...	4.0	16.8
430	295	Ferguson Intl	308	+ 1	5.2	12.4
145	115	Ferry Pick	115	...	6.2	...
30	1¼	Heritagent	1¼	...	...	...
230	150	Inveresk	164	+ 1	3.8	9.9
289	248	Jarvis Porter	259	+ 3	2.4	18.8
438	364	Low & Bonar	394	- 5	3.3	15.7
69	44½	MY Holdings▼	52	...	3.8	12.4
271	223	Macfarlane	239	...	2.1	19.2
250	148	Physt†	172	...	5.1	28.1
1071	513	Portals	1068	+ 3	1.9	28.0
412	314	St Ives Gp	335	- 3	2.4	18.2
1158½	484½	Sappi	1039½	- 15	0.5	...
30½	8	Serif	8½	...	...	...
351½	185	Sidlaw†	198	- 3	6.9	...
573	398	Smith David†	458	- 3	3.1	15.1
420½	274½	Smurfit (Jeff)	401	- 2	1.4	57.2
119	82	Sonic†	98	...	3.5	10.8
45	18½	Unit Group	33	...	...	...
270	182	Waco	225½	- 6½	2.2	14.5
291	205	Waddington (J)	215	- 1	5.0	10.5
511	365	Watmough	370	- 2	2.3	23.4
149	98	Wyndham	137	...	2.6	17.5

RETAILERS, FOOD

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
70	50½	ASDA Group†	68½	- ½	3.3	15.7
315	222½	Argyll†	280	- 1	5.2	11.9
505	413	Balle Bisc	460	...	1.9	16.5
43	24	Budgen	24½	...	5.1	15.8
77	11½	Colletts	13½	...	...	...
137	65½	Dairy Farm Intl	78½	- ½	4.7	10.6
394	344	Farepak	355	...	2.3	20.2
60	37	Fitzwilton†	43	...	10.5	...
108	87	Fyffes	101	+ 1	1.7	17.3
371	165	Geest	193	...	5.2	...
1080	653	Greggs	1058	- 7	2.2	19.9
211	133	Iceland Group	152	- 1	3.2	9.4
658	523	Kwik Save	563	- 4	4.3	10.2
18	9	Merchant Retail	11	- ½	...	...
149	99	Morrison (W)	144	...	0.9	16.8
232	126	Nurdin Peack	141	...	5.9	7.8
146	88½	Park Foods	115	...	2.8	10.2
5½	1½	Regina Hldg	1½	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	451½	- 1½	3.1	15.3
298	200½	Tesco	251½	- 3½	4.0	12.6
198	148	Thorntons	148	- 3	4.1	12.1
422	279	Watson& Philipt	368	- 1½	5.2	13.8

RETAILERS, GENERAL

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	25	Alexon	28	...	...	...
248	199	Allders†	21?	...	4.0	11.9
418	307	Argos Plc	346	+ 4	3.0	18.2
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	78	...	0.2	...
195	123	Aspray	134	...	5.6	11.0
246	176	Austin Reed	218	...	3.2	10.9
168	132	Beattie (J) 'A'	135	...	5.7	17.8
150	110	Bentalls	119	...	2.1	41.2
65	38	Betterware	44	...	8.0	4.7
48	29	Blacks Leist	32	...	8.8	...
284	177	Body Shop	177	...	1.5	15.6
601	458½	Boots†	460	- 2	4.1	15.0
12½	1½	Brown & Jacksn	1½	...	...	...
263	205	Brown (N)	222	- 2	2.4	19.8

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
83	58	Air London	65	...	6.7	12.4
777½	619½	Alt Moppn Air	685½	+ 20	0.3	...
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	275	- 3	2.2	21.9
541½	440	BAA	480	- 5	2.5	17.6
138	103½	Bridgerline	131	...	3.9	...
498½	344	Br Airways†	369	- 5	3.9	10.0
79	27	Clarkson Tran R	29	- 1	...	...
108	75	Clarkson (H)	95	...	2.3	24.1
179	140	Dart	155	- 1	3.1	14.9
592½	185	Eurotunnel Uts	285	- 8	...	...
87	50	Fisher (James)	50	...	...	...
508	405	Forth Ports	458	...	2.1	21.3
266	156	GRT Bus†	245	...	1.9	19.0
172	113	Go-Ahead	158	...	3.0	20.9
222	125	Goode Durrant	212	- 1	3.7	16.6
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Helping firms to cash in on an EC research partnership

BY BRIAN COLLETT

HOW many businesses are claiming European money from which they could benefit?

An awareness day is being held in the summer to tell small and medium-sized technology-based businesses about the European Community's Craft programme and other funding schemes.

The technology unit of National Westminster Bank, which handles financing of enterprises using modern technology, decided to organise the day after discovering that a surprising number of companies do not know about the European cash that is available.

"In fact," said Peter Ives, deputy head of the technology unit, "part of our success has been to show businesses that the money is there."

Craft, the main subject of the awareness day, stands for Co-operative Research Action for Technology. Under the programme, the European Commission pays half the cost of an approved research and development technology project, provided that at least four businesses from two or more European Community member countries are working on it together.

In one recent Craft initiative several companies collaborated to come up with a new type of toecap for industrial boots. Existing toecaps were of a uniform size for all sizes of boot. So the companies got together with Craft funding to perfect a material for a toecap that would fit boots of all sizes more easily.

Craft awareness day will be June 15. The NatWest technology unit is negotiating with AEA Technology to put on the course at its site at Culham, near Abingdon, Oxfordshire. More information is available on 0171-454 2861.

☐ Griffin Factors, a Midland Bank subsidiary, has produced a free guide to help small businesses to apply for grants. The booklet is available free on 0800 343435.



"Oh yes, I have a partner — it's called desperation"

Woman to woman advice

BY JESSICA GORST-WILLIAMS

FIONA PRICE lacked confidence in working with figures, but that did not stop her from setting up her all-women financial advisers' business, Fiona Price & Partners. She says: "Women often lack confidence in financial matters, even though they usually know as much as men who put across that they know more."

She recalls: "My father is an entrepreneur and I always wanted to be my own boss." So when she saw a job advertisement offering independence and promotion she applied. It turned out to be in personal finance. Confronting figures overcame her fear of them and within two years she was branch manager. Then the firm sold out to an insurance company and she decided to set up independently.

A business venture with a partner lasted two years. Then in 1988 she spotted a niche for women's financial advice and decided to set up entirely on her own.

She approached five banks with very detailed business plans and eventually found a manager who gave her an overdraft facility of £10,000. She rented two converted practice rooms over the Wigmore Hall in central London and took on two staff: an administrator and an adviser who would also do technical research, enabling Ms Price to concentrate on building up the business.

During the first year turnover was £100,000. Then the firm moved to Savile Row on an 18-month non-renewable lease — central London offices that they could afford. By then there were two administrators and four advisers. Turnover in that second year, 1989-90, was nearly £200,000.

In 1990 they moved again, to their present offices in Covent Garden. "Everything was done on the cheap and my brothers painted the four floors from top to bottom in two weeks." Even so, the move cost £18,000 including decorations and furniture. Outgoings on rent and rates quadrupled.

But Ms Price had a gut feeling that the business was right and that the central location justified the high costs. Turnover to March 1991 grew to just £260,000.

Now the annual turnover has topped £500,000. The firm has a staff of 14 and it advises more than 1,200 business and professional women. A typical client would be a woman between 25 and 50 in London or the Home Counties earning between £25,000 and £50,000 a year. Many are self-employed. Ninety per cent of clients are women, and there are some corporate clients.

Fiona Price says: "Where a client only wants advice to be impartial we just charge a fee. It was almost unheard of to charge for advice at the time when I set it up. Nearly all financial advisers simply worked on commission."

HUGH ROUTLEDGE


Fiona Price: helping women who may lack confidence in handling their financial affairs

Larger awards are to be made available under the SMART scheme run by the Department of Trade and Industry to encourge small businesses to develop new products and processes. The DTI will fund up to 180 awards of £45,000 each and winners will be able to apply for a further £150,000 under the department's SPUR scheme to develop products up to the prototype stage. Applications must be submitted by April 7. Forms are available from Business Link organisations, DTI regional offices, the Welsh and Scottish Offices and the Department of Economic Development in Northern Ireland. Inquiries: 0171-215 5000.

☐ Barclays Bank has produced a series of 140 free fact sheets for small businesses. Subjects include negotiating and selling skills, delegating responsibility and developing the business.

☐ Small retailers are suffering a worrying fall in sales, according to Richard Brown, deputy director general of the British Chambers of Commerce. He says the improvement in retail sales generally comes from fierce discounting and aggressive selling. Stores offering free credit are effectively discounting by more than 24 per cent.

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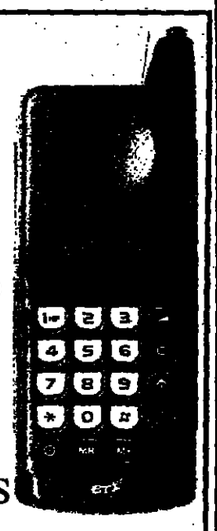
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GALLERIES: Oxford's tribute to Donald Judd; and the best contemporary art in New York this spring

Dedicated to spare essentials

Richard Cork enters the austere world of the late Donald Judd, whose sculpture is now being celebrated by Moma in Oxford



The office of Clarence Judd, with desks and chairs by Donald Judd. Judd's furniture has an austere simplification that usually makes few concessions to comfort

A quarter of a century has passed since Britain last staged a substantial Donald Judd exhibition. That show, mong the first I reviewed as a critic, vas hugely impressive. The barn-like Vhitechapel Art Gallery proved an deal setting. Judd's stripped, refined et sturdy work seemed to arrive at ne *fundamentals of sculpture* and nade most of his contemporaries ook fussy and rhetorical. American Minimalism found its most uncompromising expression in Judd's four-quare, resolutely matter-of-fact objects. He defined his own world of lear-cut, purged form in the early 960s, and developed it with assurance over the next 30 years.

All too soon, this single-minded career terminated with his death last year. So the big survey at Oxford's Museum of Modern Art might have been a melancholy occasion. Memorial shows sometimes trigger a backlash against those they are supposed to celebrate. I entered the Oxford exhibition with trepidation, wondering if the titan who had survived in my memory would now be cut down to size.

I need not have worried. Although familiarity has made Judd's art less challenging than it seemed in my youth, the organisers have not served up a predictable experience. On the contrary, they present a far more rounded view of his achievement than anything we have seen here before. The first downstairs room dispels the notion that Judd simply made monolithic sculpture on the most imposing scale imaginable. It is largely devoted to his furniture, where the principles of austere simplification are applied to the domestic modesty of tables, beds and chairs.

Not that Judd made any concessions to comfort. Most of the chairs are as hard as the famously rigid Rietveld *Red and blue armchair*, a classic 1918 declaration of how furniture could be transformed by *modernist abstraction. Compared with* Rietveld's festive use of multicoloured wood, though, Judd's approach to materials seems restrained. As spartan as the objects in a Shaker house, his furniture seems to exemplify the most puritanical strain in the *American temperament.*

But the more I lingered over these pared-down forms, which correspond so precisely to the structural organisation of his sculpture, the less severe they became. Although they appeared similar, Judd makes us *aware of the different materials* he has employed. The aluminium chair, made of grey baked enamel, turns out to be more industrial in feeling than the deep maroon shelving unit near by. This, in turn, looks impersonal when set against the warm brown wood of the chair alongside.

Sometimes, Judd's furniture looks like a pretext for a sculptor to indulge his fascination with putting forms through a series of permutations. One row of chairs aspires to the condition of music, deftly exploring *variations on an austere theme.* They resemble the subtly differing parts of a single work, whereas the dark blue bed in the middle of the gallery stands proud and alone. Low-slung, and shorn of all the familiar details which would have made its function easier to identify, it hovers in an intriguing state halfway between furniture and sculpture. Judd seems to be asking himself where the dividing line between them really lies. Especially when he designed a wide wooden table with a top as open and expansive as a prairie. Confronted by its exhilarating sweep, still rigorously controlled but epic in mood as well, I felt ready for the impact of Judd's grandest sculpture upstairs.

All the same, nothing can quite prepare visitors for the encounter *awaiting them there. One of the* largest rooms is inhabited by a single, untitled work made in 1973. It sounds simple enough: seven identical units of Douglas *fir plywood advance* steadily along the right-hand wall, punctuating its whiteness with their box-like contours. But as we walk past them, *their stateliness* becomes overwhelming.

> ‘In later life, Judd was intoxicated by the possibility of colour’

Judd's fascination with architecture, documented by drawings elsewhere in the show, surely helped him to give such sculpture its prodigious force.

Moving up and down this room is *like exploring the nave of a Cubist* cathedral. Each unit is tall enough to offer shelter, but no one could mistake them for functional structures. They simply sit there, charging the space around them with the sense of finality which Judd's finest work *always commands. At the same time,* he evades the danger of ponderousness. Open at both ends, the units have a lightness about them.

The plainness of the plywood conveys his respect for the material, unvarnished and neatly fitted. Since nothing was allowed to interfere with the innate character of the Douglas fir, it is surprising to enter the next room and find three plywood sculptures painted light red. They look almost exotic after the sobriety of the previous room, and in two of them aluminium channels run through their upper surfaces. One dark and matt, the other light and shining, these conduits remind us that Judd was not a backwoodsman. The intensity of his response to nature was matched by his engagement with the urban, mechanised world. His *sculptures were fabricated using* industrial methods. He owned a handsome cast-iron building in Spring Street, New York, regarding its five-storey interior as an ideal setting for his own work. And the final gallery at Oxford proves that he could handle steel with aplomb.

Here, in the loftiest *and most spectacular* of the rooms, Judd's art thrives. Only five sculptures are displayed, but their placement is perfectly judged. Notices throughout the show warn visitors not to touch the flawless surface of the works. But *I itched to run my hand over the box-*like sculpture in corten steel. Projecting like a cupboard from the wall, its front and sides possess a dense, furry texture. The colour of rust, it is at the same time unexpectedly sensuous. And the sculpture's *appeal is reinforced by the interior,* where a sheet of lime-yellow plexiglass has been inserted at the back.

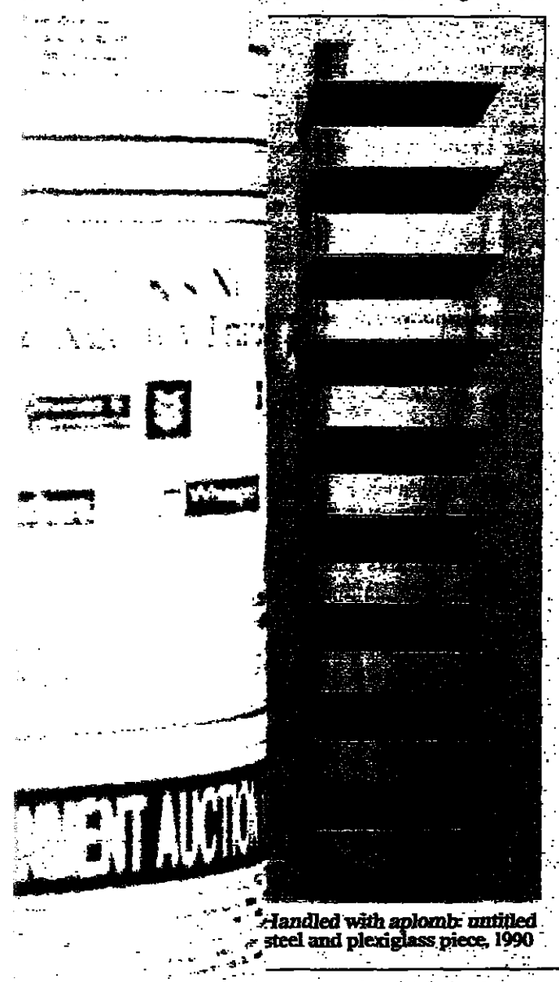
As he grew older, Judd became increasingly fascinated by the challenge of incorporating colour in his most ambitious sculpture. Six wall-pieces *from the 1980s are on view at* Waddington Galleries in London, and their dramatically contrasted blocks of colour give them a surprisingly busy impact.

At Oxford, though, colour is only revealed after close scrutiny. Seen from a distance, the tall, upright wall-work appears to consist solely of ten ascending units in stainless steel. Their sheen stresses a machine-like, impersonal mood. But as you approach, the entire sculpture becomes suffused with the warmth of the red plexiglass within each unit. Glowing *like a ruby, it discloses an interest in* sumptuousness which Judd's early work shunned.

All the evidence suggests that he grew more intoxicated by the possibilities of colour. In the centre of the floor, a colossal open container made *of clear anodised aluminium* presents a grey, spare surface to the viewer. Inside, however, plain statement gives way to resplendent plexiglass panels of amber. Their watery surfaces glow and catch reflections of the windows high above.

Even near the end of his life, Judd still regarded his use of colour as a "beginning". Sometimes he allowed it to overcomplicate his sculpture, with fussy and unresolved results. But the final exhibit at Oxford, a wall-work coated in cadmium paint mixed with *sand, has a fierce directness. In the* centre, a circle of dark red glass sits like a boiling sun. The entire work exudes stillness and heat with equal force, going a long way towards explaining why Judd spent so many of his later years in the Texas desert. *For all his adherence to tough-*minded abstraction, his art was surely powered by a love of the American landscape at its most immense, primordial and awesome.

● *Donald Judd at Oxford Museum of Modern Art (01865-722 733) until March 26 and at Waddington Galleries, London (0171-437 8611) until Feb 11*



Handled with aplomb: untitled steel and plexiglass piece, 1990

NEW YORK GALLERIES

Cindy Sherman's recent photographs introduce a general blurring into her normally static constructions. This swirling photographic activity implies a new kind of drama, a narrative born of movement. Parts of dolls; a head looming up from a bandaged body; a torso with a penis: all these are shot from extreme angles and then reproduced large in bright colour. This tactic has an obvious affinity with *the sensational side of film,* like a frame from *Don't Look Now*, a still from *The Exorcist*. Perhaps one can detect a cycle in Sherman's progress from her early black and white constructions, *through works* picturing herself with props, to the "movement" of these latest works where focus and grip are slightly lost.
Metro Pictures, 150 Greene Street, New York 10012, (0101 212) 219 2027, until February 18

☐ Imposed on the transparent perspex screen that crosses the gallery at Marian Goodman is a photo*graphic image of a Baroque* or Rococo footman. His hands hold a square hole, and that is where the illusion stops. This installation by Giulio Paolini is a complex visual diagram that plays with Renaisance, Classical and Humanist perspectives. Wires fly across the room and converge on a Perspex box with illusory doorways. Fake plinths are ground into the material. Although this is exciting, it is also incredibly fussy. It is difficult to imagine that this Italian artist would want any *finite* interpretation.
Marian Goodman, 24 West 57 St, 4th floor, New York 10019, (0101 212) 977 7160, until Saturday

☐ The sound of Jimi Hendrix blares out from one of the many exhibitions of Brazilian art currently in New York. Entitled *Cosmococa CC55 Hendrix; War 1973*, the piece by Helio Oiticica was originally made in 1973 and has been reassembled here. Hammocks strung across a darkened room make up a forest of shadows. There is constant music as a cycle of enormous photographs is projected on to all four walls. *A sign suggests that it* is possible to use the hammock, and once timidity is overcome it is possible to see that there are others swaying in the dark. A cut-throat razor lies across an image of Hendrix; burnt matches and a pile of white powder are laid across and on top of Hendrix's nose. The music ensures a straightforward atmosphere. This is a literal blast from the past.
Marian Goodman Gallery, 24 West 57th Street, New York 10019 (0101 212) 977 7160, until Saturday

☐ The hitherto unpublished photographs of "The *Movies*" taken by Diane Arbus between 1956 and 1958 consist of many layers of pre-existing images: *straight shots of film stills;* a lobby still of a corpse with blood coming out of its mouth from *The Foxiest Girl in Paris*; the poster for *Baby Doll*; the "No Smoking" sign put up on a screen: and "Mr Peanut" parading outside in Times Square. Arbus's obsession with B-movies shows the photographer's unwillingness to differentiate between the "real" and constructed.
Robert Miller, 41 East 57th Street, New York 10022, (0101 212) 980 5454, until Saturday

SACHA CRADDOCK

Bring on the quick-marching camels

India's annual big parade, held in Delhi last week, is as much a display of spectacular art as of military pomp, says **Tunku Varadarajan**

Many readers will find such a thing startling. Conventional wisdom, after all, acounts parades as mere pectacles, not as art forms. et the Indian Republic Day arade (which took place last hursday) turns such wisdom n its unturbanned head. *This* arade, the best in the world, more than just a march past starched men and martial ounds. It is a bewitching nfection of costumes, colour, nimals, rhythms, polished oots and such hybrid music s would leave no musicolo-ist unmoved.

Of course the parade is not ithout its politics and its anks, its gushing official comentary and its ballistic misles. What the non-violent lahatma Gandhi — whose ust was present in a giant alloon replica — would have ade of the martial bragging, however, was on the day a question only for killjoys and sociologists.

But unlike the grand pa*rades of the old Soviet Union,* this parade was accompanied neither by a dispiriting ideology nor by a sub-text of menace. There was instead the passion of a newish nation enjoying a day of pageantry. And no venue, not even Red Square, could be more striking than the expansive central avenue of Lutyens's New Delhi, with the Presidential Palace (formerly the home of viceroys) looming in the background.

The singularity of India's Republic Day Parade lies in its dramatic recipe: nowhere else can one find the purest military swagger married to so much balletic precision. No other parade can boast such well-dressed soldiers, for in the art of martial costume India is unrivalled. Drawing on the same resources and traditions which give the country its theatre and dance, the uniforms on display also combine the pomp of pre-colonial India with the panache of the British Indian Army.

Consider the Bombay Sappers, in their turbans of red, yellow and gold; the Rajput Regiment, each soldier with his own blood-red coxcomb — or *Turra* — and perfectly waxed moustache; the Sikh *Light Infantry in their* starched saffron *puggrees*; or the Kumaon Regiment, with *topees* worn at a jaunty angle, green pom-poms bobbing with the impact of each step. *Even the notorious Central* Reserve Police Force, so badly disciplined when not on parade, showed at least that it is not badly dressed, its turbans a riot of turquoise and white.



A giant balloon replica of Mahatma Gandhi towers over the missiles and other military paraphernalia

Why should we not think of the march past of these men as theatre, or dance? And it was not a procession of men alone. As immaculate in drill as each clockwork regiment were the animals. The 61st Cavalry of the Indian Army, the only surviving horse cavalry in the world still in combat use, pranced past, all equine twinkle-toes, to "Bonnie Highlander", played on the bagpipes by the regimental band of the Gurkha Rifles. The Camel Corps swayed past, each beast decked in raw silk, each rider on a wide saffron saddle. The camels, too, marched in step, to the strains of "Hum Hain Seema Suraksha Bal" ("We are the border security force"), played by the regimental band, also on camel-back.

"Bonnie Highlander" was, in fact, the only example of music from the country's colonial past. Indian soldiers march now not just to a new *political order but* also to new music. And beguiling music it is too, as the bagpipers slip expertly into the more plaintive melodic idiom of India. But the flavour of the Scottish Highlands is never completely lost, even in tunes such as "Vijayi Bharat" ("victorious India") or "Badhe Chalo Delhi Police Ke Veer" ("Onward brave Delhi Police"). Whoever said that one cannot play the bagpipe riding camel-back?

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC Tonight's concert is your last chance to see the orchestra's principal conductor, Yuri Temirkanov, for some time. They embark on a major American tour next month and Temirkanov then stays on as guest conductor for the Philadelphia Orchestra. The programme includes Britten's *Four Sea Interludes*, Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No 3 and Shostakovich's Symphony No 5.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm Ⓢ

LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST Opening night for Jenny Agutter, returning to the RSC with a new cast for the final UK performances of Ian Judge's pleasing production
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7pm Ⓢ

DUKE BLUEBEARD'S CASTLE. Opening night too for the British premiere of Bela Balazs's play that inspired Bartók's opera. Described as a multi-media montage production and performed by five women for The Soho Group. A rarity of unguessable quality but intriguing
Turtle Key Arts Centre, 74 Farm Lane, SW6 (0171-385 4905). Tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, until Feb 18

ELSEWHERE

LEEDS Director Christopher Bruce resumes the **Rambert Dance Company**'s relaunch tour this week with programmes of his own productions (*Sergeant Early's Dream*, *Crossing*) and international choreographers Martha Clarke (*Garden of Earthly Delights*), Jiří Kylián (*Petit Mort*) and Ohad Naharin (*Axioma 7*). Bruce's popular *Rooster*, set to Rolling Stones music, joins the repertoire in Brighton in March
Grand, New Briggate (0113 2 459351). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

LEATHERHEAD Peter Bowles headlines another show for the *Thorndike*, as the egocentric husband in Rattigan's poignant and thought-provoking ***In Praise of Love***. With Lisa Harrow, Christien Anholt and Sam Douglas. Richard Olivier directs. The show is scheduled to go straight to the West End (Apollo) following this run
Thorndike, Church Street (01372 377677). Opens tonight. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 4pm and 8pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm. Until Feb 18 Ⓢ

BLACKPOOL Dance of a thoroughly different sort from Rambert in Leeds is on offer here this week, as **Moscow City Ballet** continues its tour of *The Nutcracker*. A true Russian extravaganza, with all the style and athleticism they are famous for
Grand, Church Street (01253 28372). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

MOLD The multi-award winning Shared Experience Theatre turns its talents to George Eliot's **The Mill on the Floss** this season. Nancy Meckler and Polly Teale direct
Theatr Clwyd (0352 755114). Tonight-Fri, 7.30pm; mat Thurs, 2pm; Sat, 3pm and 8pm. Next stop, Stratford (Swan) Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Impressionism in Britain (0171-638-4141) . . **British Museum**: *Byzantine Treasures from British Collections* (0171-636 1555) . . **Courtauld**: Frank Dobson: Sculpture 1915-1954 (071-873 2526) . . **Royal Festival Hall**: It's a Pleasure!: nine contemporary artists (0171-928 3002) **National Gallery**: The Age of Elegance (0171-839 3321) . . **National Portrait Gallery**: Christina Rossetti (0171-306 0055) . . **Richard Flgan**: Poussin Before Rome (0171-930 0020) . . **Royal Academy**: Nicolas Poussin (0171-439 7438) . . **Serpentine**: Man Ray (0171-402 6075) . . **Tate**: New Displays 1995 (0171-887 8000) **V&A**: Warworks: Women, Photography and the Art of War (0171-938 8500) . **Whitechapel**: Worlds in a Box (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

◩ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'** The Fats Waller musical show: an evening of stomping, tapping, exuberant song and dance
Tricycle, Kilburn High Rd, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 4pm Ⓢ

◩ **AS YOU LIKE IT** Cheek by Jowl's *all-male Shakespeare, spare, inventive*, endearingly funny, with Adrian Lester a ravishing Rosalind
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Until Feb 11.

◩ **BROKEN GLASS.** Strong performances from Margot Leicester and Henry Goodman in Arthur Miller's latest. An American Jewish couple in the 1930s, wanting to ignore the Nazi menace
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 2.15pm Ⓢ

☐ **THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE** Nigel Hawthorne plays the dilapidated Lord Ogleby and directs a strong cast in this good-hearted comedy about 18th-century greed, snobbery and true love.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; *mats Sat, 2.30pm*

◩ **EASTER** Strindberg's drama of shame, self-pity, penance, clairvoyant *joy in nature and the freedom of springtime*. Katie Mitchell directs.
Pit, *Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891)*. Tonight, 7.15pm Ⓢ

■ **KILLER JOE:** Utterly absorbing shock-*drama by Tracy Letts where a trash trailer family virtually annihilates itself by employing a hit-man to kill their* unwanted Mom. Wilson Milam directs the original Chicago production that won a Fringe First at Edinburgh
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm

☐ ***THE LIBERTINE*** *Stephen* Jeffreys's excellent portrait of the life and times of the rakehell Earl of Rochester. Max Stafford-Clark directs, in rep with *The Man of Mode*
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Tonight, 7.30pm

☐ ***THE LIVE BED SHOW*** *Arthur* Smith's revised version of his 1989 Edinburgh Festival comedy. *Caroline* Quentin and Paul Merton play a couple on their journey towards sharing a bed
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens Feb 7

◩ ***MAMA I WANT TO SING:*** The longest-running Off-Broadway black musical, based on the life of the Harlem singer Doris Troy (who here plays her own mother). Cast includes the charismatic Chaka Khan
Cambridge, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080). Now previewing, 7.45pm: *opens tomorrow, 7pm. Until* Apr 8

☐ **SAVANNAH BAY** Marguerite Duras' 1982 play for two women haunted by their past. Directed by *Katrin Magrowitz for the always* adventurous Foncrete Theatre Co. The *last company to play this venue before it* closes down
New Grove, Drummonds, Euston Road, NW1 (0171-383 0925). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. Opens Feb 2, until Feb 25.

☐ **THE THREE LIVES OF LUCIE CABROL** Award-winning performance from Lilo Baur in Simon McBurney's thrilling production on the loves and anguish of peasant life. Théâtre de *Complicité began an international tour* here
Shaftesbury, *Shaftesbury Avenue*, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

LONG RUNNERS

☐ ***Arcadia***: Haymarket (0171-930 8800) . . ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-867 1044) . . ☐ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072) ☐ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) . . ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) . . ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (0171-494 5045) . . ◩ **Grease**: Dominion (0171-416 6060) ◩ **Hamlet**: Gielgud (0171-494 5065) ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) . . ◩ **Miss Saigon**: *Theatre* Royal (0171-494 5400) . . . ☐ **My Night With Reg**: Criterion (0171-839 4488) ☐ **Neville's Island**: Apollo (0171-494 5070) . . ◩ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . . ☐ **On Approval**: Playhouse (0171-839 4401) . . ☐ **Only the Lonely**: Piccadilly (0171-369 1734) ◩ **A Passionate Woman**: Comedy (0171-369 1731) . . ☐ **The Queen and I**: Vaudeville, final week (0171-836 9987) . . ■ ***The Phantom of the Opera***: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ☐ ***The Sisters Rosensweig***: Old Vic, until Feb 25 (0171-928 7618) . . . ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . . ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . . ■ **Three Tall Women**: Wyndhams (0171-369 1736) ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BARCELONA *(12)*: *Whit Stillman's* successor to *Metropolitan*, an agreeable *blend of romance, politics and disco* dancing, set during the early 1980s. With Taylor Nichols and Chris Eigeman
Odeon Haymarket (01426-915353)

◆ **ONLY YOU** (PG): Marisa Tomei chases the man of her dreams through Italy. Lazy blend of comedy, romance and travelogue, with Robert Downey Jr. Director, Norman Jewison
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

SILENT TONGUE (12): Loquacious *folly about troubled lives out west, from* writer-director Sam Shepard. With *Richard Harris, Alan Bates and River* Phoenix.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279)

SUTURE: Hypnotic melodrama with avant-garde trimmings from new American film-makers Scott McGehee and David Siegel
Everyman Ⓢ (0171-435 1525) **ICA** Ⓢ (0171-930 3647)

CURRENT

THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT (15): Two drag queens and a transsexual get stuck in the Australian outback. Jovial and vulgar romp with Terence Stamp and Hugo Weaving
MGMs: Fulham Road Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561) **Odeon Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL (15): Mike Newell's smart social comedy with Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell
Odeon Mezzanine Ⓢ (01426 915683) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

EVEN COWGIRLS GET THE BLUES (15): Unwieldy version of Tom Robbins's zany novel from cult director Gus Van Sant. Uma Thurman heads a cameo-strewn cast
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

◆ **INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE** (18): Tom Cruise shows Brad Pitt the vampire way of life. Dull, over-stuffed version of Anne Rice's book. Director, Neil Jordan
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) ***Trocadero*** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

THE LAST SEDUCTION *(18)*: Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all. Director, John Dahl
Metro (0171-437 0757) **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

NOSTRADAMUS *(15)*: *Life and* prophecies of the 16th-century legend. Preposterous Euro-pudding, with Tcheky Karyo and Amanda Plummer. Director, Roger Christian
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ ***PULP FICTION*** (18): Quentin Tarantino's flamboyant crime epic weaves together three tales from the LA underworld. With John Travolta, Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) ***Shaftesbury Avenue*** (0171-836 6279) **NFT** Ⓢ (0171-928 3232) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

LA REINE MARGOT (18): Bloody, brooding, occasionally impressive French history lesson, with Isabelle Adjani and Daniel Auteuil. Director, Patrice Chéreau
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

◆ **SHALLOW GRAVE** (18): Wickedly enjoyable comedy-thriller about three Edinburgh chums and a corpse loaded with money. Danny Boyle directs Kerry *Fox, Christopher Eccleston and Ewan* McGregor.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE SPECIALIST** (15): Sharon Stone hires explosives expert Sylvester Stallone to avenge her parents' murder. Empty concoction that wastes its stars. With James Woods, Eric Roberts, Rod Steiger. Director, Luis Llosa
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) ***UCI Whiteleys*** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **STARGATE** (PG): Galactic adventures of Kurt Russell and James Spader. Preposterous, derivative but fun, with Jaye Davidson. Director, Roland Emmerich
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426-915 683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** on a visually impaired but aurally superb *Boccanegra* in New York

Close your eyes and just listen

Simon Boccanegra
Metropolitan Opera

To suggest that the new production of *Simon Boccanegra* at the Met says all there is to be said about the house's current production style would be an oversimplification. But it certainly brings few surprises. Musically it is extremely distinguished; visually it is moribund.

The slavish "realism" of Michael Scott's sets may (inexplicably) win rounds of applause, but their essential bogusness is shown up in a Council Chamber with a painted ceiling that could never have been seen in 14th-century Genoa, but might possibly have been in Venice two centuries later. This is operatic Never Never Land. The production is credited to Giancarlo del Monaco, and amounts to little more than decorative traffic direction.

But the singing and playing of one of Verdi's most elusive scores transport us to something approaching operatic paradise. Cheryl Studer, who was to have sung Amelia, dropped out (the terse wording of the press release suggested that she will not be dropping in again in the near future). Her substitute was Kiri Te Kanawa, which indicates the level of the Met's casting. Dame Kiri was in peachy form for what has always been one of her best roles, making the treacherous opening aria sound easy as pie and soaring over the Council Chamber ensemble like an angel. Robert Lloyd, also familiar to London audiences in this opera, was in gloriously solid voice as Fiesco.

Most star tenors are sniffy about Gabriele Adorno — it is not at first sight a showy role — but, again, the Met can apparently lure Placido Domingo to undertake it, and he sang with a youthful vigour to belie his years of experience. If the *tessitura* is a little high for him nowadays, he betrayed precious little evidence of it. This, and his Siegmund at La Scala last month, bear witness to a versatility and longevity unchallenged among today's tenors.

The one arguable piece of casting was that of Vladimir Chernov in the title role. His beautifully liquid lyric baritone is a touch light for so heroic a role in a house this size, a fact emphasised by Del Monaco frequently placing him unhelpfully far upstage. But his *pianissimo* top F on "Figlia" at the end of the recognition duet touched the heart and, once past the Council Chamber scene, where he was outsung by Bruno Pola's incisive, granite-toned Paolo, the suppleness of his tone and expressiveness of his phrasing showed exactly why he had been chosen.

In his years at the Met James Levine has made the orchestra and chorus among the best in the world. Precision of ensemble, blending of orchestral colour, balance (the offstage chorus perfectly placed in Fiesco's aria): all were impressive. Levine delivered visceral operatic excitement in the Council Chamber, but otherwise emphasised the gentle autumnal tints of the score, and never allowed the overall sound to stray outside the work's idiom (there are many temptations to do so in the recognition scene). His was a deeply felt and rewarding reading.



Placido Domingo as Gabriele Adorno and Kiri Te Kanawa — an illustrious substitute as Amelia — in *Simon Boccanegra* at the Met

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CONCERTS: Rare airing for Martinů's minor masterpiece; Boulez's birthday continues

A legend at the right time



Jack Shepherd: English narrator for a Czech's Sumerian oratorio

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AMONG Czech composers Bohuslav Martinů was sometimes thought to have composed too much for his own good, but his posthumous reputation has gone up in my estimation since hearing his oratorio-like *The Epic of Gilgamesh* at the weekend. One of those fixed-price, sit-anywhere events, it drew a good-sized audience for a work that has had only one or two previous performances in Britain since it was composed 40 years ago.

Martinů set parts of a text derived from clay tablets about 5,000 years old, excavated at Nineveh and now in the British Museum. They tell of a mythical Sumerian despot who finds true friendship, seeks immortality but remains in thrall to the fear of death, voiced by four soloists and a full chorus, with a narrator to link some episodes in a duration of just under an hour.

Most impressive is the composer's evocation of a remote and mysterious world through unusual sonorities and instrumental colours. High trumpet, sometimes muted, combined with prominent piano and harp is a typical example, while the vocal writing often subdivides the chorus to poignantly poetic effect.

Under the expansive conducting of Jiri Bělohlávek, who made the first commercial recording of the work 15 years ago, the BBC Symphony Chorus got their tongues round a seemingly respectable version of Czech, with the actor Jack Shepherd speaking his narration in English. Four Czech soloists — Eva Urbanova, Ludovit Ludha, Dalibor Tolas and Peter Mikulas — added a touch of drama.

Earlier, four of the usual principals made polished solo contributions to Mozart's Symphonie Concertante for flute (David Butt), oboe (Richard Simpson), horn (Timothy Brown) and bassoon (Graham Sheen). Musicologists have still not resolved the question of whether it is correctly attributed to Mozart, but it agreeably diverts the ear nevertheless.

NOEL GOODWIN

Bullish Béroff batters Bartók

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STANDING in for Maurizio Pollini in Bartók's Second Piano Concerto cannot be the easiest of assignments. But Michel Béroff was able to do just that, in the fourth of Pierre Boulez's 70th birthday concerts with the LSO, and acquit himself very creditably.

Not that all was plain sailing. Indeed there were problems even before the performance began. Béroff favours a low stool, in the Glenn Gould tradition. The one provided would not lower itself sufficiently, and a new one had to be brought in. Once underway, though, Béroff's account had verve and an impelling rhythmic drive, and his cadenza in the first movement brought a ferocious assault with crashing clutches of filled-in double octaves.

What one missed in all this, however, was the clear definition of Bartók's neo-Bachian counterpoint. When that great Bach player Andras Schiff plays this work, the quasi-Baroque figuration emerges with astonishing clarity, and his textures, while remaining virtuosic in execution, are light and buoyant.

Béroff's, by contrast, were belligerently heavy, contradicting the composer's own allusion to "the more popular and lighter cast" of this concerto's themes.

With Pollini, Boulez might have explored this side of the work more fully. Certainly the earlier performance of Debussy's *Nocturnes* was marked by his characteristic restraint and lucidity, notwithstanding the aptly festive spirit of the "fantastic procession" in "Fêtes".

The second half was devoted to a major work of Boulez's: *Le Visage nuptial*, one of a number that have undergone a series of transformations over the years. The original version, dating from 1946-47, was set for soprano, contralto and instrumental ensemble. A few years later the female chorus was added and the ensemble expanded to a large orchestra. Finally, in the 1980s, Boulez made a number of refinements while retaining the expanded forces.

The text, by the Surrealist René Char, is abstruse to the point of self-parody ("The eagle's pickaxe flings high the flaring blood" is a typical line). It appears to evoke a love affair — or rather a memory of one — although in this performance, at least, one would have been hard put to catch the drift without the aid of a printed text. That seemed not so much the fault of the admirable soloists, Françoise Pollet and Lucy Shelton, or the chorus, London Voices, as of Boulez himself, who as both composer and conductor did little to facilitate the projection of words.

The voices soared rapturously, however, in the first two songs, "Conduite" and "Gravité", and, in the final "Post-scriptum", the performance attained the ideal sense of purified, distanced sensuality: emotion drained of all frenzy.

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Few laughs in a Dutch treat

CINEMA: At the Rotterdam Film Festival **Geoff Brown** reviews the latest from Polanski and the earliest of Tati



Roman Polanski's new film version of Ariel Dorfman's *Death and the Maiden*, largely shot in a Paris studio, keeps reverently to the format of the successful stage play

There were no trumpets, fireworks or dancing girls when the 24th Rotterdam Film Festival, the first major European festival of the year, got underway last Wednesday night. For the opening attraction was Ariel Dorfman's play *Death and the Maiden*, as filmed by Roman Polanski. Since attending any festival bears some similarity to being walled up in a mausoleum — all those days in the dark, all those depressing films about man's fate — death is the last thing you want to meet after checking into the hotel.

Polanski's version, largely shot in a Paris studio, keeps reverently to the stage play's format. There are just three characters and one basic set, a secluded South American beach house in a nameless, fragile democracy, where Dorfman's heroine binds, gags and harangues the doctor who she believes raped her 14 times years earlier when the dictators ruled. There is some opening out, but no escaping Dorfman's words, or the actors' faces, or the beach-house set of Pierre Guffroy, all wood, windows and rectangular hard lines.

More than 30 years ago Polanski's first feature, *Knife in the Water*, demonstrated his skills at creating tension and manipulating tiny casts. The skills have not vanished. But here he serves as an adapter on a worthy assignment, not a director shaping his personal vision. For all the high-powered acting from Sigourney Weaver (the vengeful heroine), Stuart Wilson (her bemused husband) and Ben Kingsley (the accused doctor), the film soon begins to feel arid and small, and lacks the dynamism that made the material lift off on stage.

If *Death and the Maiden* set audiences frowning, much else remains to pique curiosity in a festival dedicated to the new, the raw, the neglected and the outlandish. Few other festivals would take the trouble to resurrect the variable but fascinating films of Karel Kachyna, a 70-year-old Czech veteran who has managed to survive through his country's changing fortunes.

Few others, too, would think of presenting a selection of Japanese pornography, made by bright young directors eager to experiment within strict genre requirements. At 9.30 on a wet Sunday morning, when the good people of Rotterdam were either in church or in bed, a sizeable audience gathered to watch Sato Hisayasu's *Muscle*, a sado-masochistic tale inspired by the death of Pasolini. We emerged unsure about the director's talent, but had an interesting time learning new things to do with a tub of margarine and a human arm preserved in formaldehyde.

Previously, Rotterdam bestowed no official awards. But time moves on; and with so many other festivals offering their Golden Lions, Leopards and the rest, any event unable to offer film-makers the prestige of a possible award can be at a disadvantage when securing submissions. So the menagerie now has a newcomer, the Tiger Award, ready and waiting for first or second-time film-makers.

It would be good if the Rotterdam Tiger, funded by PolyGram Filmed Entertainment, could be bestowed on films with sharp claws and a distinctive roar. Halfway through the festival, the outlook does not promising. Among the new product on display, former Communist countries are offering their usual impenetrable Kafka-esque parables containing much barbed wire and guards guarding nothing in a fortress. America is represented by sketchy low-budget films that see-saw between crude slices of life and ponderous slabs of art. As for France, people fall in and out of love, smoke constantly and ride the Métro; this we knew before.

> From former Communist countries come impenetrable parables with much barbed wire; from America come sketchy low-budget films

The festival's director, Emile Fallaux, seems half-aware of his selection's shortcomings. Interviewed in the trade magazine *Moving Pictures*, he ponders on the scarcity of "well-made, artistic movies" in world production. "On one side there's Hollywood, which puts more money into less product, while on the other side there are low-budget productions, with a limited number of characters, locations, and if you're lucky a couple of storylines. I strongly miss the films that were made in between."

They have not vanished entirely, though. Take *The Day the Sun Turned Cold*, a powerful drama from Hong Kong. The film begins with a young man reporting a ten-year-old murder to the police. The victim: his father. The murderer: his mother. Flashbacks fill in the details, and snatch us from urban life to the bleak, frozen countryside and a struggling family selling beancurd. The father mysteriously dies just as the mother takes a lover. Could it be poison? Yim Ho, the director, is not interested in making a simple thriller. Rather, this is a moving study in relationships.

Even in a generally poor crop, some undiscovered film-makers can still grab you by surprise. Festival regulars have learnt to run from dishevelled portraits of dishevelled life in the former Soviet Union. But Yana Drouz, in *Ryadom*, has a new angle: she uses dogs to give us an endearing parable about love, dependency and desperation. The personable hero is a quick-witted German shepherd who outwits the dogcatchers, befriends a Great Dane, and attaches itself to an aimless, trod-upon youth in Moscow's scruffy suburbs.

In *Oublie-moi* a new French director, Noémie Lvovsky, also breathes life into a cliché. This is a drama about relationships that abandons all frills. There is no plot as such, only talk and quarrelling as the wayward Nathalie flits from Paris apartment to apartment, abandoning the man who loves her, and uselessly pestering a former boyfriend. By rights Nathalie should be a maddening heroine, but Valéria Bruni-Tedeschi gives such a committed, expressive performance that you are entirely in her grip.

There is also one film at Rotterdam guaranteed to vanquish any shadows cast by *Death and the Maiden*. This is Jacques Tati's first feature, *Jour de Fête*, unveiled anew to rapturous laughter after an elaborate restoration. Tati had always meant this droll portrait of a village and its bumbling postman to be in colour, but he shot the film in an archaic French colour process that defeated attempts to make an acceptable print. Luckily, he had taken the precaution to shoot in black-and-white as well, and this substitute version was the one released in 1949. The colour material survived, however, and with the technical problems licked *Jour de Fête* can now be seen in something like its original glory, bathed in pale, carefully co-ordinated colours. Joyous, humane, light as air: this should have been the opening film.

JAZZ

Quietly flows the Don

"WHEN you get into your mid-forties you realise you don't have forever to do what you want. I wanted to play jazz and write music," says 47-year-old Brooklyn-born composer-pianist Don Grolnick. It explains why he finds himself leading an eight-piece jazz ensemble on a tour of the UK instead of carrying on life as a leading figure on the studio circuit (producer of albums by James Taylor, Luther Vandross and Roberta Flack).

The downside of such a decision has already become apparent: Grolnick's two recent albums for Blue Note failed to make money and have been deleted. The result was enthusiastic punters pouring into the in-house CD stall, to be confronted by albums featuring Grolnick's stellar sidemen, the Brecker Brothers and Peter Erskine, and not by either of Grolnick's masterpieces, *Weaver of Dreams* and *Nighttown*.

Don Grolnick
Queen Elizabeth Hall

The upside, however, was apparent immediately his band launched themselves into the loping strains of the concert's (and *Nighttown*'s) opener, "Heart Of Darkness". Everything that makes Grolnick's music so compelling — the deceptive simplicity of his themes, the sonorous beauty of his arrangements for his four-horn front line, his ability to infuse his music with an easy but insistent swing — was present, and remained on display throughout two hour-long sets.

As a pianist, Grolnick is slyly inventive rather than sparklingly virtuosic, but then, with both Randy and Michael Brecker in his front line blasting out barnstorming solos at every opportunity, guile and subtlety were useful counterweights. These were supplied in abundance, not only by Grolnick himself, but by his other frontline soloists, Marty Ehrlich (who switched between alto, bass clarinet and flute) and trombonist Robin Eubanks.

Firmly grounded by the discreet power of bassist Peter Washington and drummer Erskine and enlivened, in a second half devoted mainly to Latin jazz, by percussionist Don Alias, this was a near-perfect band.

CHRIS PARKER

THEATRE: Forty years on, Osborne's rage erupts in Manchester



Claire Skinner brings her "beautiful, big-eyed, ivory purity" to Alison Porter, to be blown away by Michael Sheen's Jimmy — "a Midlands Hamlet: funny, desperate, lacerating"

Still full of sound fury

Look Back in Anger
Royal Exchange

LET'S get it straight. This is good: both production, starring Michael Sheen, and play, John Osborne, who died last Christmas, sparked off a revolution in British theatre when his angry young man, Jimmy Porter, burst onstage. Nowadays, *Look Back in Anger* tends to be thought of as a flash in the pan: a Royal Court shocker for 1956.

However, what hits you in the face when you re-encounter this kitchen-sink drama of marital breakdown is its staying power.

At lights-up in Gregory Hersov's new Manchester production, I wasn't sure for an instant if this was 1995. Nothing much has changed in the bedsit land of twenty-somethings, of junkshop furniture and charity-store clothes. Sheen's Porter is slumped in a worn-out brown armchair, dressed in a second-hand fisherman's woolly. University-educated and under-employed, flailing about for ideals, bitterly discontented about Conservative Britain, physically cramped, spiritually frustrated and going off the deep end, he is disturbingly familiar. On the other hand, this is a scrupulously "period" production, down to the small print in Porter's Sunday papers and his wife's "nice" enunciation.

Claire Skinner's Alison has a beautiful, big-eyed, ivory purity. Sheen is a phenomenally talented young actor who makes the future of British theatre look bright. His Jimmy is a Midlands Hamlet: funny, desperate, passionate, lacerating. I was not quite convinced of his working-class roots, although his accent — dropped consonants enmeshed with the posher vowels of a higher education — encapsulate his confusion of loyalties.

But, overall, this drama of shredded nerves needs one more turn of the screw. The production can skid across surfaces. Each barbed comment needs to be pushed home. The design diffuses energy. There are no cramping attic walls. The Royal Exchange is in the round. That can be worked like a pressure-cooker: here, though, Laura Hopkins's bedsit spreads palatially. Jimmy's rants echo. Blasting away on the trumpet across the landing, he sounds streets away.

Hersov's direction is not absolutely focused. Cliff's tactics, comforting Alison or tackling Jimmy away from her, are slightly fuzzy. Helena's attraction for her friend's dangerous husband needs to be seeded from the start. Hermione Norris is a shade too collected, but her sexily smart-suited Helena has vulnerable flinches. She superbly combines the air of a minor royal and a mother-figure.

The others finely capture the childishness of the characters. More cutting than crushed by bullying, Skinner speaks with a little-girl pitch. Dominic Rowan's Cliff walks about slightly stiffly in his underpants, macho but as awkward as a lad. Sheen is the living portrait of a fiercely intelligent small boy screwing off into frustrated viciousness and mental collapse.

KATE BASSETT

Eyeball to eyeball with the Residents

Guy Walters on *Eye and Ear*, the ICA's imminent celebration of the uncommercial

No, it is not a rival product to I Can't Believe It's Not Butter! *Whatever Happened To Vileness Fats?* is actually a film produced in the early 1970s by a group of American performance artists called the Residents. The plot concerns a love triangle between a schizophrenic and an Indian priestess. Most of the action is performed by midgets, with the exception of a Siamese-twin knight who fights with himself for the attention of Peggy Honeydew, a nightclub singer. Meanwhile, a woman sits next to a crooked washing machine shouting. "More dirty white clothes!" Somewhere else, someone gets pelted with giant broccoli.

It all gets a little confusing here, but then this is part of *Eye and Ear*, the ICA's celebration of the work of cult groups. The programme also features a documentary about the underground band Half Japanese, in which the septuagenarian mother of the lead singer announces: "Our 200-year-old house is the birthplace of punk." There are pop promos featuring bands like the Smiths and New Order, as well as a documentary on Negativland, once sued by U2's record company for releasing a song called "U2".

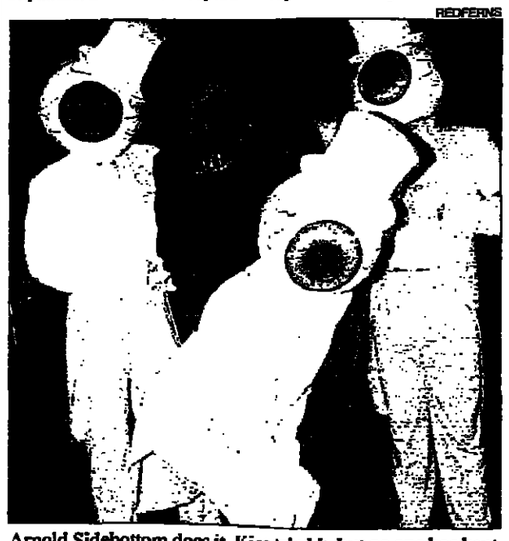
However, much *of Eye and Ear* is dedicated to the Residents. Ever since the group formed in California in 1970, they have kept their identities secret. Their customary stage schmutter consists of tailcoats, tophats and eyeball masks, which is the nearest the band gets to a consistent image.

Their music could easily be dismissed as the stuff of concept albums. Their first album, *Meet the Residents*, was an overdubbed, remixed and re-speeded blend of percussion, piano, voices and woodwinds, with a little dollop of guitar and bass for good measure. Subsequent recordings such as *Third Reich & Roll*, *Fingerprince* and *Eskimo* were equally elaborate and non-commercial.

Eye And Ear contains a short documentary about the Residents, *Eyes Scream*, introduced by those extremely alternative magicians Penn and Teller. Jilette Penn, once the Residents' spokesman, is an aficionado of American underground music; he has even formed a record label that releases music by Half Japanese. During the documentary, Penn makes the point that if the Rolling Stones earn more from selling T-shirts than concert tickets, this surely makes them travelling T-shirt salesmen rather than rock stars. Let there be no doubt that *Eye and Ear* is fiercely anti-MOR, anti-AOR and anti-big business.

The Residents' latest project is *Ginger Bread Man*, a CD-Rom. "Unlike other artists", says Tim Brown, who compiled *Eye And Ear*, "the Residents do not use CD-Rom as a cynical marketing exercise without any critical response. They use it merely as another artistic tool."

Ginger Bread Man and *Freak Show*, another CD-Rom, last for 30 minutes. The original *Vileness Fats* took four years to make and ran for 14 hours. The project was abandoned, and only 32 minutes and 10 seconds remain. That's quite an edit.



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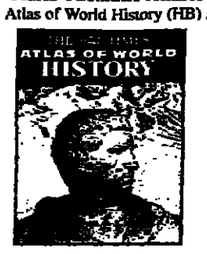
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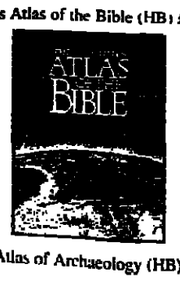
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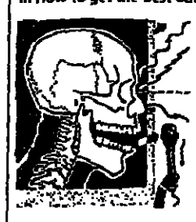
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The skiing solicitor

A lawyer has cornered the downhill market, says Hugh Thompson



Ready to litigate on behalf of ski-accident victims: Paul Maxlow Tomlinson, a partner with an Exeter firm

Every year more than 500,000 Britons go skiing. Last year it was a painful experience for 23,000 of them, who have to claim against their medical insurance. For some, the physical damage results in loss of earnings and great pain, which in today's litigious society, means reaching for a lawyer. However, proving negligence on the part of the ski-lift company or another skier, who may also be a foreign national, in a third country is not straightforward.

For the increasing band who do not take their bumps and bruises as part of the fun, Paul Maxlow Tomlinson, a partner with the Exeter firm of Stokes, stands by.

Mr Maxlow Tomlinson is the UK's first, but surely not last, specialist skiing lawyer. He not only skied competitively at Oxford, but trained as a guide before becoming a solicitor specialising in family law. He also sits on the Legal and Safety Committee of the Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS). The commonsense code published by the FIS is accepted in European and North American courts as the highway code of the piste. Its simple rules are not legally binding, but their breach is taken as a strong prima facie evidence of negligence. Typically the skier who is out of control is in the wrong.

Mr Maxlow Tomlinson became involved in skiing law in 1982 when his daughter, then aged 3, fell 30ft off a faulty ski lift and broke her pelvis. "Once we had her safely at home I started to think perhaps someone should pay some compensation, but when I went back to the Swiss authorities they said that unless a case was lodged with the police within 24 hours there was no case to answer."

Since then, Mr Maxlow Tomlinson has, not least through the Ski Club of Great Britain, built up an international network of lawyers and doctors so that he is well placed to act for the insurance company on either the defendant's or the plaintiff's side. At present he is working on 150 cases related to skiing accidents, a quarter of them are to do with faulty lifts.

As skiing has become more popular the runs become busier with the less experienced. Crowd pressure has forced those who consider themselves better skiers into the more dangerous, uncharted off-piste areas. The recent introduction of snowboards has increased again the number and severity of accidents. "The trouble is that some cases can take years," says Mr Maxlow Tomlinson. "First you have to get the other side to admit liability.

"I had one where a girl was hit badly from behind and the other skier just kept going. Her boyfriend chased after him but the skier just turned round and said 'You must be mistaken'. His two sons, however, admitted that they had seen their father hit the girl higher up the slope.

"Then it takes time to get clearance from the doctor since no one wants to say when and where the injury ends. That's not such a problem in France, where you can sue for resulting injuries at any time after the accident.

"There are other differences: Swiss law has no concept of damages for pain and suffering. In Ireland, on that basis alone you can get as much as £17,000 for a broken leg."

Most holidaymakers are covered by accident and general liability insurances, but many locals out for the day are not. One case on Mr Maxlow Tomlinson's books involves an Italian student who snowboarded into an English holidaymaker watching her son take his first skiing class.

The lawyer, through Italian private detectives, is trying to find out whether the negligent party is worth pursuing through his household insurance or another policy.

In one case, in which an Englishman died off piste, his family was initially awarded £250,000 because he fell into a badly fenced crevasse. On appeal, the sum was halved as the skier was judged to have been "imprudent and personally negligent in losing control of his skis near the crevasse".

In another case, a less experienced skier sued another because he took him on to a dangerous run where he had an accident. Here the experienced skier's insurers settled before trial with a "substantial payment". Mr Maxlow Tomlinson says: "I think the insurers were worried about the publicity that would have come from a trial and about the liability of better skiers when leading others."

He admits that his niche of following the ambulances as they come off the snow has kept him busy. What is more, "it's terrific fun," he says. Just like skiing, for the majority.

Who inherits the powers of a king?

Tomorrow the House of Lords will hear an appeal by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, against the decision of the Court of Appeal that the new criminal injuries compensation scheme is unlawful. The central issue is the allocation of power between the legislature, the executive and the courts. In 1765, Blackstone asserted that it is "a necessary and fundamental principle of the English constitution" that "the King can do no wrong". Two centuries later, Parliament, ministers and judges have yet to resolve who has inherited which aspects of sovereignty.

In 1964, ministers introduced a non-statutory, *ex gratia* scheme for compensating victims of violent crime. The amount of compensation was based on common law principles. Sections 108-117 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 put the scheme on a statutory footing for the first time. But Parliament did not bring the provisions immediately into effect. Section 171 states that sections 108-117, by contrast with some other provisions of the 1988 Act, "shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument appoint". Instead of naming the happy day, the Government decided, outside the statutory provisions, to introduce a less expensive *ex gratia* system of awards which would not be based on common law damages, but would depend on a tariff for each category of injury. That scheme came into effect last April. When the Fire Brigades Union, and a number of other trade unions, challenged its legality, the Home Secretary gave an undertaking that if he lost the case, no claimant would be prejudiced by the introduction of the new provisions.



COUNSEL

DAVID PANNICK QC

In the Court of Appeal, Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, accepted that the Home Secretary had a discretion not to bring sections 108-117 into effect, and that his failure to do so was lawful, since he was concerned about the cost. So the Secretary of State could lawfully continue with the non-statutory scheme which had existed (with minor amendments) since 1964. He could have sought Parliament's approval for his new scheme. Or he could have invited Parliament to repeal the relevant provisions of the 1988 Act, and introduced his new scheme by the exercise of his common law powers.

But, in the judgment of the Master of the Rolls, the Secretary of State could not lawfully establish a new scheme radically different from the existing (albeit unimplemented) provisions which Parliament had enacted. By so acting, he had "abused his prerogative or common law powers".

Lord Justice Morritt reached the same conclusion for substantially the same reasons. He emphasised that though sections 108-117 had not yet been implemented, section 171 was in force.

Lord Justice Hobhouse dissented. In his judgment, sections 108-117 had not become law (because the Home Secretary had not brought them into effect) and therefore "they are incapable of creating rights or duties". For that reason, the provisions of the 1988 Act could not be relied upon as the basis of an argument that the Secretary of State is abusing his powers.

In recent decades, the courts have developed a number of important constitutional principles: ministers cannot incur expenditure without specific statutory authority, ministers may act through their civil servants, legislation cannot exclude the powers of the courts to decide on the validity of the actions of ministers or of tribunals, a statutory power may only be exercised for the purpose for which it was conferred by Parliament, and a minister of the Crown acting in his official capacity can be liable for contempt of court. Each of these principles has asserted, expressly or impliedly, a theory about the nature of constitutional government in the United Kingdom.

The resolution of the criminal injuries case will depend on whether the law lords are willing to recognise and apply a principle of constitutional law which asserts the subservience of the executive to Parliament so that the common law powers of ministers are confined to areas where Parliament has not spoken.

The 1988 Act contained the detailed scheme for compensating victims of crime of which Parliament approved. Though that scheme is not yet in force, section 171 does have legal effect. It gives a discretion to the Secretary of State whether, and if so when, to implement the detailed provisions.

Parliament's intention cannot, however, have been to allow the Secretary of State the freedom to implement an inconsistent scheme. If that had been the intention, then instead of sections 108-117 the Act would have authorised the Secretary of State to introduce *any* scheme that he, the Secretary of State, thought appropriate.

When considering the extent to which a minister retains common law powers after Parliament has addressed a topic, the House of Lords should bear in mind the words of John Marshall, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, in 1819: "We must never forget that it is a constitution we are expounding."

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

Joining a top team

DOWNING Street last week announced the promotion of Sir Leonard Hoffmann to the House of Lords, shortly after his fellow South African, Sir Johan Steyn, went up to the Lords in December. The appointments bring to 12 the total number of law lords; the two extra posts were created after the Lord Chancellor secured extra funding last autumn from the Treasury.

Both Lords Hoffmann, 60, and Steyn, 62, are very highly regarded. Sir Leonard put forward the measures for a new "fastrack" procedure for libel claims which the Lord Chancellor has taken up; and Sir Johan has been chairing the key body overseeing the legal profession, the Lord Chancellor's advisory committee, were he has taken a robust view of future education and training of the profession.



Lord Hoffmann

The House of Lords now boasts one of the strongest, and most liberal, teams of law lords it has ever fielded.

Operation sue

WOMEN who have had hysterectomies or had ovaries removed without their consent are banding together to prepare for legal action. A new pressure group — the Reproductive Organs Conservation Trust (Roct) — has been formed to help meet the legal costs of about 30 women who are taking or preparing court cases.

Britain has one of the highest hysterectomy rates in Europe — 70,000 operations a year. In one case, criminal charges have been brought against a surgeon who allegedly carried out radical surgery without consent.

Fraud flop

FRAUD is increasingly seen as an inevitable part of corporate life, according to the biennial survey of senior executives carried out by Ernst & Young.

Even though almost half the companies surveyed by the chartered accountants had experienced fraud in the last 18 months, far fewer senior managers expressed concern about it and there seems to be rapidly declining faith in the usefulness of written procedures. Not one fraud reported by a top company was detected by external auditors.

The report was published only a few days after it became known that a former Ernst & Young employee had been jailed for five years for the theft of £1.6 million from the firm's clients.

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FANCY a job promoting the UK's largest law firm? Robert Pay is leaving his position as head of marketing at Clifford Chance after being offered a similar role at the Stock Exchange.

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At the same time there has been a transformation in the way the largest firms operate. During the 1980s, as these firms mushroomed in size, they incurred massively rising costs in both overheads and salaries. This forced up their fee levels, making them less competitive on price. It created an opening for leading IP lawyers – partners in the big commercial firms including heads of department – to leave their firms and set up on their own.

A number of prominent lawyers are establishing small IP practices, usually in their home towns outside the city centres. They keep their overheads low, and charge lower fees for their services. Many of their established clients, therefore, are following them, including major plcs. The success of these niche firms can be judged from their growing need for additional staff.

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You can now get married without a church or Register Office ceremony, says **Chris Barton**

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What part of our family law is as common as divorce, 20 years older, and the subject of a vital statutory reform which came into force this month? The answer is: civil marriage.

If you did not know, that is hardly surprising; the Marriage Act 1994 has had only a quiet reception. Now that those wanting a civil ceremony — about half of all those intending to marry — are no longer restricted to their nearest Register Office, perhaps the institution of marriage will prove more attractive. As long ago as 1973, the Law Commission pointed out that hardly any of those who marry — now some 79 per cent of men and 84 per cent of women — understand the system, and that their ignorance is shared by many of those who administer it.

The reforms are the most fundamental in the history of secular marriage, which dates, in England and Wales, from 1837. The changes are twofold. The first is that although notice must still be given at one's "home" register office, the wedding may take place at the couple's office of choice. Thus, the Isles of Scilly, where mainlanders have been known to use the minimum 15 days' residence for their honeymoon and then wed, seem set to exceed their 1992 number of five ceremonies.

Gyles Brandreth, MP, best man to the Private Member's Bill that led to the Act, foresaw the day when Chester, his own constituency, which was "rich in heritage and packed with historic buildings and the finest hotels", would become the country's most popular wedding location.

The second change is more fundamental and, on the face of it, more fun. Local authorities will be able to approve premises other than their register offices for the solemnisation of marriages. Some, at least, of the parliamentarians present for the third reading of the Bill were keen to be helpful. Tony Banks, MP, hoped that submarines would qualify, on the basis that some marriages are better kept quiet and not allowed to surface. Yet Tom Sackville, MP, the Under Secretary of State for Health, who described himself as "minister for marriages", chided one member who endangered the Bill by "raising yet again his obviously deeply felt desire to have been married in a garden".

Sadly, perhaps, such romantic choices of venue have been ruled out. Though the new Act came from a minor vehicle for privatisation, the 1990 Government White Paper (*Registration: Proposals for Change*), the marital knot will still have to be tied in public. So stately homes and hotels, the most likely bidders for approval, will have to satisfy their local authorities that they will be open to the public for the occasion. By definition, private homes will not be approved.

There are no plans to allow freedom of choice in the words spoken at the civil ceremony, and couples do not have the right to agree the terms of the marriage itself.

These remain pretty much untouchable by private contract, whereas those planning mere cohabitation — ironically the law's less-favoured form of partnership — may well have a greater say in their own legal regime.

● *The author, reader in law at Staffordshire University, was happily married at Hartshill Register Office on Stoke-on-Trent.*

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Driver, get me to the approved public place: couples can now choose the venue for civil weddings

Lawyers back on money-go-round

Edward Fennell on the mini-boom

Suddenly, lawyers seem to be back on the merger and acquisitions (M&A) helter-skelter. Even aside from the Glaxo bid for Wellcome it is clear that with Cadbury Schweppes going for Dr Pepper and Texas being carried off by Sainsbury, the city's corporate lawyers could scarcely have had a better start to the year.

This is not, however, a return to the 1980s, says Charles Mayo, a partner with the law firm Simmons & Simmons. "We are going through something of a mini-boom," he says, "but I am not sure how long it will continue."

Others are not quite so cautious. The evidence from some of the most successful law firms suggests that plenty of transactions lie ahead. Momentum is starting to build in the market. America's M&A market has been very active recently and this is now spilling over into Europe. Many transactions being talked about are cross-border. Telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, defence and financial services are showing signs of strong activity.



Giles Henderson: "Can-do attitude"

As the tables in this month's *Acquisitions Monthly* reveal, there were growing signs during 1993 that something was afoot. Last year's number of takeovers was well ahead of 1993 numbers as confidence improved. Slaughter & May again emerged comfortably as the leader in the field through its involvement in 16 public takeovers.

Slaughter's strength is that it ranks high in lists of lawyers acting both for the companies and the financial advisers. Its powerful bluechip client base almost guarantees that it will be well represented year after year. Other firms, by contrast, may have the misfortune to have clients who happen not to be expanding. Alternatively, they may be strong on the company side but not among financial advisers. Norton Rose, for example, was absent from the list of those that worked for the banks.

David Lewis, a Norton Rose partner, says: "We are aware that we've had a couple of poor years working for financial advisers, but things are looking better for this year."

Slaughter & May attributes its success to the fact that it has strength among its lawyers. Giles Henderson, the senior partner, says: "We are not just relying on two or three superstars. And we're also well-known for our can-do attitude."

At a total value of £5,394 million, it is streets ahead of Freshfields, the runner-up. The forthcoming February edition of *Acquisitions Monthly* will show, however, that there is an interesting and different story when the number of private deals is examined.

On that measure the prize goes to Hammond Suddards with a total of 80 deals, hotly pursued by Eversheds with 78. These figures bear out the success that these firms are experiencing as a result of their recent expansion programmes. The value of the deals may not be a match for those done by Slaughter, but in terms of numbers it is an enviable record and lays a good foundation for the future.

It is clear, though, that another reason for joy among lawyers about mega-sized M&A deals is that they are less susceptible to the pressure of fees than that experienced by other types of work.

A member of a top law firm comments: "Clients are no longer prepared to pay whatever is asked of them. But M&A work continues to be the field in which clients will not compromise on quality. They will pay the best lawyers to achieve the result they seek."

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Dr Carole Standley: working two days a week with a law firm

Is there a doctor in the firm?

DR CAROLE STANDLEY is one of a new breed of specialists being hired by solicitors. The former GP has started work on the medical and pharmaceutical-negligence side of the Smith-Llewelyn Partnership, based in Swansea. She will work an initial two days a week with the firm, spending the rest of her time as a clinical assistant in the district general hospital at Carmarthen, Dyfed.

Dr Standley's appointment is seen by Peter Llewelyn, a partner in Smith-Llewelyn, as a logical step for any firm dealing with medical and pharmaceutical-negligence cases. The appointment, he says, will speed up the handling of cases. One problem with medical-negligence cases is the large amount of costly work that must be done before a case's viability can be established. A survey by the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers found that though there was a 93.6 per cent success rate in personal injury cases, only 66.3 per cent of medical negligence cases led to any kind of payment.

Mr Llewelyn, who was involved in the Eraldin and Opren drug cases and whose firm is one of two handling CJS growth-hormone cases, says: "Reports from specialists can take upwards of nine months.

"The only way you are really going to get on equal terms with the defendants in these sort of cases is to have a doctor in your office. A doctor is also useful for interpreting medical records. Not only can they see what they mean, but they can see what is not there. For instance, we had one case, involving 80 X-rays, but we discovered that the really important one was missing."

The firm employs two trainee solicitors with medical backgrounds, including a microbiologist who is helping on two possible cases involving the role of fire-retardant mattress material in cot deaths, and a solicitor who is also a nurse.

Dr Standley says: " I think this sort of appointment is going to become more frequent. In-house doctors are, if you like, the voice of the reasonable doctor at grass-roots level. I have a fairly wide experience in a number of areas. What happens in practice is that I am sounded out about whether or not cases can be taken further."

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Lloyd Webbers search for a star on the Flat

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

SIR Andrew Lloyd Webber and his wife Madeleine, whose silks feature prominently in the National Hunt arena, have extended their racing interests to the Flat. Four two-year-olds, recently placed with Ian Balding, Michael Bell, Henry Cecil and Paul Cole, are to carry Sir Andrew's colours this season.

Although the composer was represented last year by Never Explain, that horse and High Flying Adored, both in training with John Dunlop, are owned in partnership with the theatre luminary, Anthony Pye-Jeary. The four juveniles mark the first occasion Lloyd Webber ventures into Flat racing on his own.

Among the quartet is a son of Sadler's Wells and the group-placed racemare, Marie D'Argonne, bred by Lloyd Webber at his Watership Down Stud, near Newbury. The colt, offered at the Tattersalls Houghton Sales at Newmarket in September, was led out unsold at 150,000 guineas and has now joined Balding's Kingsclere stables.

Others due to race in Lloyd Webber's predominantly green silks include Flaming June, a Storm Bird filly sent to Cecil's Warren Place stables, and Fairlight Down, a daughter of Dayjur, in training with Cole. The policy is to breed from these fillies at the conclusion of their racing careers.

"We presently have eight mares at Watership Down," said Mrs Lloyd Webber, who was in London yesterday to promote "And They're Off", a new horse racing board game designed by her husband. "We will probably buy a couple more top-class runners and that will be it."

Nap: KALAR
(2.10 Lingfield Park)
Next best: Persian Conquest
(3.10 Lingfield Park)

The scale of the Lloyd Webbers' venture marks them out as one of the few new entities this decade to embrace the costly world of Flat racing. Theirs has been no small investment; Darara, their most recent broodmare purchase, cost them Ir470,000 guineas at Goffs sales two months ago.

However, the Lloyd Webbers' expansion into Flat racing will not come at the expense of their jumping interests. Black Humour, Raymylette and Uncle Ernie are all engaged at the Cheltenham Festival in March. In addition to Killone Abbot and Boxgrove Man, in training with Jim Old, they have a further two young stores with Lambourn-based Nicky Henderson, who trains their Gold Cup hope, Raymylette.

The Lloyd Webbers have no representatives in the Arkle and Sun Alliance Chases at the Cheltenham Festival. The two novice chase championships, which have attracted 30 and 54 entries respectively, have not suffered the drop in entrants experienced last week by the Champion Hurdle. It appears promising young steeplechasers are not as thin on the ground.

Ladbrokes yesterday installed Morceli the 7-2 favourite in their advance book on the Arkle Chase. The grey, trained by Howard Johnson and unbeaten in two outings over birch, is engaged in the Scilly Isles Novices' Chase over an extended 2½ miles at Sandown on Saturday.

Aligned against him are High Baron, similarly unbeaten over fences and a 10-1 shot for the Arkle with Ladbrokes, and Barna Boy, a 12-1 chance. Barna Boy will miss that showdown if the fixture at Nottingham today passes a 7.00am inspection. Valfinet and Gales Cavalier, two more unbeaten horses over fences, are priced at 4-1 and 5-1 respectively.

Mark Dwyer, who has ridden Gales Cavalier to his last three victories, must today decide whether to appeal against the two-day whip suspension he incurred when riding at Fairyhouse on Sunday. Should he accept the ban, Dwyer will miss the ride on Gales Cavalier in the James Capel Novices' Chase at Ascot tomorrow week.

Jodami is joined by Chatam among nine horses declared for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown on Sunday. The two horses fought out an exciting finish to the race two years ago, when Jodami prevailed by a head. Jodami also won the prize last year, but missed his intended engagement at Haydock recently on account of the testing ground.

JULIAN HERBERT



Raymylette, left, who beat Dubacilla at Ascot, will represent the Lloyd Webbers in the Cheltenham Gold Cup

THUNDERER

12.50 HUNTERS' HEAVEN (nap). 1.20 William Tell. 1.50 Wee River. 2.20 Rosina Mae. 2.50 Cornet. 3.20 Broctune Bay. 3.50 Polishing. 4.20 Tom Brodie.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.50 FAIR AND FANCY.

GOING: GOOD (6AM INSPECTION) SIS

12.50 LOGANLEA NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £2,306: 2m) (15 runners)

1 5310 THORNTON GATE 17 (D,S) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 6-11-12 L Wyer 93
2 36P-304 CANAAN VALLEY 18 (D Robertson) D Robertson 7-11-5 T Reed 90
3 0P0PP2 DAPHNIS 18 (S) (G McGuinness) W Kemp 8-11-5 B Storey 72
4 0/ DI TRAVEDI 689 (J Haynes) J Haynes 7-11-5 C Hawkins —
5 06/006-P GARBONI 187 (Mrs S Clarke) D Moffatt 6-11-5 D J Moffatt (3) —
6 04342 PRESTON GUILD 18 (BF) (The Fremasyle Partnership) A Forbes 5-11-5 T Eley (3) 98
7 261 FAIR AND FANCY 18 (CD,S) (R Mellon) Miss M Milligan 4-11-0 Richard Guest 99
8 6-0 OWENS QUEST 53 (London Racing Club) T Etherington 5-11-0 A Thornton —
9 ROMANY SMITH (A Le Blond) A Le Blond 9-11-0 A Larnach (3) —
10 00 THE STELL BURN 11 (W Reed) W Reed 5-11-0 Mr D Parker (5) —
11 WARM TOES 89F (The Count and Blue Partnership) J Birkett 5-11-0 L O'Hara —
12 6 HUNTERS' HEAVEN 34 (A Wintersun) J Mackie 4-10-7 B Supple 85
13 0P NUVEEN 10 (B) (R Graham) Mrs J Jordan 4-10-7 S Taylor (7) —
14 5 UP IN FLAMES 18 (M Kilmer) M Hammond 4-10-7 P Niven 86
15 69564 AMNESIA 11 (G Leckie) Mrs S Bradburne 4-10-2 A Dobbin 79

BETTING: 3-1 Fair And Fancy, 7-2 Thornton Gate, 4-1 Preston Guild, 5-4 Garboni, 6-1 Hunters' Heaven, 10-1 Up In Flames, 14-1 Canaan Valley, Daphnis, 16-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

THORNTON GATE beat Queens Consul 2l in 11-runner novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good) on penultimate start. CANAAN VALLEY 10l 4th of 12 to Mr Confusion in maiden hurdle over course and distance (good). DAPHNIS 7¾l 2nd of 11 to Ericolin in selling handicap hurdle over course and distance (good). GARBONI 27¾l 6th of 24 to Sir Moss in maiden hurdle at Leopardstown (2m 4f, soft to heavy) on penultimate start. PRESTON GUILD 11l 4th of 12 to Blessky in novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, heavy) on penultimate start. FAIR AND FANCY beat PRESTON GUILD (7lb better off) 6l in 11-runner maiden hurdle over course and distance (good), with UP IN FLAMES (7lb better off) 8¾l 5th. HUNTERS' HEAVEN 18¾l 6th of 20 to Kallak in novice hurdle at Newcastle (2m 110yd, good). AMNESIA best recent effort 10¾l 5th of 12 to Samsatun in novice hurdle over course and distance (good to firm).
Selection: THORNTON GATE

1.20 LOGANLEA NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £2,306: 2m) (15 runners)

1 342P-21 COOL LUKE 52 (CD,F) (B Batey) G Moore 6-11-12 J Callaghan 99
2 31 MR CONFUSION 18 (CD,G) (B Fenwick-Gibson) J Eyre 7-11-12 O Pears 94
3 000-P00 CLAN REEL 15 (B) (W McInnes) R Goldie 6-11-5 K Johnson —
4 000 HAROLD LAD 36 (W McHarg) R McKellar 5-11-5 R Hodge —
5 MOVAR 11F (J Pottinson) C Booth 5-11-5 R Garritty —
6 005/0 MASTER FLASHMAN 62 (R Anderson) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-5 G Lee (5) —
7 00- PERCY PIT 283 (J Johnson) J Johnson 6-11-5 — —
8 F44000 SHARP N' SMOOTH 18 (Mrs E Mitchell) W Kemp 8-11-5 S McDougall 58
9 003R-05 TASHREEF 55 (S Alcock) J Birkett 5-11-5 M Moloney —
10 RU- MISS MONT 282P (Mrs K Holliday) D Moffatt 6-11-0 D J Moffatt (3) —
11 0-PP TWICE WEEKLY 69 (F Justin) F Justin 6-11-8 Mr C Rosier —
12 1 WILLIAM TELL 62 (B,G) (T Hemmings) M Hammond 4-11-0 P Niven 94
13 0-0 YOUANDI 31 (J Nelson) L Lungo 5-11-6 T Reed —
14 CHIMANIMANI 179F (Bank View Hire Ltd) N Tinkler 4-10-7 M Dwyer —
15 P KING OF SHOW 22F (B) (M Boyd) R Allan 4-10-7 B Storey —

BETTING: 7-4 William Tell, 2-1 Mr Confusion, 5-2 Cool Luke, 8-1 Chimanimani, 25-1 Sharp N' Smooth, Tashreef, 33-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

COOL LUKE beat Queens Consul 8l in 14-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (good to firm). MR CONFUSION beat Pagliaccio 2½l in 12-runner maiden hurdle over course and distance (good). MASTER FLASHMAN 48l 9th of 13 to Master Bracken in amateurs novice hurdle at Catterick (2m, good). SHARP N'SMOOTH 29l 7th of 11 to Fair And Fancy in maiden hurdle over course and distance (good). TASHREEF 29l 5th of 7 to On Air in novice hurdle at Haydock (2m, soft). WILLIAM TELL beat Non Vintage 3½l in 13-runner novice hurdle at Catterick (2m, good). CHIMANIMANI about 19¾l 4th of 7 to Sunderland Echo in handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, good) on the Flat.
Selection: WILLIAM TELL

1.50 DALKEITH NOVICES CHASE (£3,061: 2m) (11 runners)

1 4F2133 CARDENDEN 18 (CD,S) (M Alexander) J Barclay 7-11-10 A Thornton 88
2 PF1121 WEE RIVER 18 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs S Moore) G Moore 8-11-10 J Callaghan 92
3 5341F6 EASBY MANDRINA 10 (D,F,G,S) (A Williams) S Kettlewell 8-11-5 R Garritty 86
4 6 BOSTER BEN 43 (L Gant) J Barclay 6-11-3 Richard Guest —
5 /FP004 KELPIE THE CELT 18 (Mrs C Braithwaite) Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-3 A Dobbin 87
6 4053-10 OAKLEY 61 (F) (Duke of Sutherland) Denys Smith 6-11-3 P Niven —
7 6/B4400 QUARTZ HILL 18 (D Royle) D Lamb 8-11-3 Mr A Manners (7) —
8 350P25 RAPID MOVER 18 (B,F) (Mrs J McFadyen-Murray) D Nolan 8-11-3 N Doughty 95
9 R43452 RIDAKA 32 (A Williams) J Mackie 8-11-3 T Eley (3) 89
10 104353 SHAHGRAM 10 (S) (Wise Owl Discount Drug Stores Ltd) P Beaumont 7-11-3 R Supple 89
11 59F FRESH LADY 45 (A MacGillivray) D Cosgrove 8-10-12 F Perratt (5) —

BETTING: 2-1 Wee River, 5-1 Rapid Mover, 6-1 Shahgram, Cardenden, 7-1 Ridaka, Easby Mandrina, 10-1 Oakley, 14-1 Kelpie The Celt, 16-1 others.

1994: SLIEVENAMON MIST 8-11-4 N Williamson (7-4 fav) K Bailey 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

CARDENDEN 11l 3rd of 8 to Highly Decorated in novice handicap chase at Catterick (2m 3f, soft) on penultimate start. WEE RIVER beat Brier's Delight 8l in 15-runner novice chase over course and distance (good) with CARDENDEN (6lb better off) 14¾l 3rd, KELPIE THE CELT (7lb better off) 25¾l 4th, RAPID MOVER (7lb better off) 41 5th and QUARTZ HILL (7lb better off) 24¾l 12th. EASBY MANDRINA best recent effort beat Dear Do neck in 6-runner novice handicap chase at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to soft). RAPID MOVER 4l 2nd of 11 to Puritan in novice chase here (2m 4f, good) on penultimate start. RIDAKA 13¼l 2nd of 10 to Cheeky Fox in claiming novice chase at Leicester (2m 1f, good to soft). SHAHGRAM 14l 3rd of 12 to Golden Isle in novice chase at Catterick (2m, heavy).
Selection: WEE RIVER

2.20 HARPERRIG HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,624: 3m) (10 runners)

1 5232-13 TRONCHETTO 15 (F,S) (B Dalgleish) J J O'Neill 6-11-11 P Niven 96
2 231111 TRUMP 18 (CD,B,S) (B Green) C Parker 6-11-8 Mr D Parker (5) 94
3 P-03311 ROSINA MAE 18 (CD,G) (Miss P Zygmant) Mrs J Ramsden 6-11-1 R Garritty 97
4 33/3011- SCOTTISH PERIL 289 (F) (Mrs V Watson) R Allan 9-10-13 B Storey 92
5 0P-3211 MOONSHINE DANCER 46 (F,S) (P Colquhoun) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-12 G Lee (5) 90
6 4410-35 IF YOU SAY SO 11 (CD,G) (S Smith) J Eyre 9-10-12 M Dwyer 88
7 4245P VALIANT DASH 18 (J,G,S) (L Dunbar) J Goldie 9-10-8 F Perratt (5) 99
8 54/8-302 TRAP DANCER 17 (G) (A Dawson) B Mactaggart 7-10-8 J Supple (5) 92
9 4-20030 WHITE DIAMOND 32 (D,F,S) (M Allison) Mrs A Swinbank 7-10-1 J K McCarthy (7) 95
10 226-026 CAPTAIN TANCRED 11 (G) (A Preston) J Birkett 7-10-0 M Moloney 98

BETTING: 7-2 Moonshine Dancer, 4-1 Trump, 9-2 Rosina Mae, 6-1 Scottish Peril, Trap Dancer, 7-1 Tronchetto, 10-1 Captain Tancred, 12-1 Valiant Dash, 14-1 If You Say So, White Diamond.

1994: THE BUD CLUB 6-11-6 N Williamson (10-11 fav) K Bailey 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

TRONCHETTO 14l 3rd of 11 to Sassoon in handicap hurdle at Carlisle (3m 4f 110yd, soft). TRUMP beat CAPTAIN TANCRED (11lb better off) 8l in 8-runner handicap hurdle over course and distance (good) with VALIANT DASH (8lb better off) pulled up 2 out. ROSINA MAE beat Gilfan Cove 3¾l in 12-runner novice handicap hurdle at Ascot (3m, good). SCOTTISH PERIL beat CAPTAIN TANCRED (15lb better off) 10l in 11-runner handicap hurdle at Hexham (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). MOONSHINE DANCER beat Ridwan 3½l in 5-runner handicap hurdle at Catterick (3m 1f 110yd, good to soft). IF YOU SAY SO 9l 3rd of 12 to All's Alibi in novice chase at Sedgefield (2m 5f, good) on penultimate start. TRAP DANCER 8l 2nd of 10 to Morgans Harbour in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (3m, good).
Selection: TRUMP (nap)

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.50 KILMANY CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£3,436: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

1 330-823 CORNET 18 (V,CD,F,G,S) (Duke of Sutherland) Denys Smith 9-12-0 P Niven 99
2 44T-1U1 BOARDING SCHOOL 18 (CD,F,G,S) (R Green) C Parker 8-11-5 B Storey 97
3 /5111/3- PALMRUSH 526 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs L Carr-Welker) M Hammond 11-11-4 D Bentley 90
4 40-411P REGAN 11 (F,G,S) (Miss L Johnson) J Johnson 8-11-0 — 98
5 41P-410 TIMANFAYA 18 (CD,F,G) (Mrs D Collerett) W Reed 8-10-11 T Reed 98
6 125456 CHARMING GALE 18 (V,D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Etherton) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-4 A Dobbin 97
7 1-52040 SECRET SUMMIT 18 (V,F,G,S) (Beamhurst Racing) A Forbes 9-10-2 T Eley (3) 91
8 41-3F36 PRESSURE GAME 45 (F) (A Gilchrist) B Mactaggart 12-10-0 F Perratt (5) 89

Long handicap: Pressure Game 9-3.

BETTING: 11-4 Boarding School, 3-1 Cornet, 5-1 Palmrush, Timanfaya, 8-1 Regan, 8-1 Secret Summit, 12-1 Charming Gale, 25-1 Pressure Game.

1994: SIR PETER LELY 7-11-2 Mr C Bonner (3-1) M Hammond 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

CORNET 8l 2nd of 7 to Sir Peter Lely in handicap chase over course and distance (good) on penultimate start, with BOARDING SCHOOL (2lb worse off) unseated rider 10th. BOARDING SCHOOL beat Strong Approach ¾l in handicap chase over course and distance (good) with CORNET (2lb better off) short-head 3rd, CHARMING GALE (2lb better off) 14¾l 6th, SECRET SUMMIT (2lb better off) about 8¾l 7th and TIMANFAYA (2lb better off) 2l 9th. PALMRUSH 5l 3rd of 5 to Touching Star in handicap chase at Hexham (2m 4f 110yd, firm) in August 1993. REGAN beat Pims Gunner ¾l in 4-runner handicap chase at Kelso (3m 1f, firm) on penultimate start. TIMANFAYA beat Kanndabil 8l in 10-runner claiming chase over course and distance (good) on penultimate start. CHARMING GALE 13¾l 5th of 6 to Sir Peter Lely in handicap chase here (3m, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: CORNET

3.20 WALLYFORD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,388: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

1 101/21B BROCTUNE BAY 59 (S) (M Bailey) Mrs M Reveley 6-12-0 P Niven 98
2 -002 PAGLIACCIO 18 (A Stewart) M Hammond 7-11-5 A Dobbin 94
3 0525-44 CLARET AND GOLD 66 (A Murphy) J Eyre 8-10-9 O Pears 87
4 F300-43 TALOS 54 (Mrs G Lister) D Moffatt 7-10-9 D J Moffatt (3) 98
5 3-35620 SPRING CALL 17 (I Bray) M H Easterby 5-10-8 L Wyer 88
6 364P NOORAN 17 (C Williams) A Whillans 4-10-7 M Moloney 84
7 0111 NAHRI 24F (C,G) (Mrs C Wadsworth) J Mackie 4-10-7 R Supple 90
8 32U211 ALASKAN HEIR 18 (CD,G,S) (J Burleo) A Forbes 4-10-7 T Eley (3) 90
9 00-6441 NICHOLAS PLANT 3 (D,S) (Mrs M Paterson) J Goldie 6-10-0 F Leahy (5) 98
10 444-800 CORNFLAKE 57 (Duke of Sutherland) Denys Smith 5-10-0 J Callaghan 99
11 5-3P2P3 RALLYING CRY 18 (Mrs J Seymour) R Allan 7-10-0 B Storey 93
12 40-005U BOLANEY GIRL 36 (J Proudfoot) J J O'Neill 8-10-0 A Roche (3) 82
13 0006-6P HARRY'S MIDGET 11 (I Hamilton) Mrs A Hamilton 5-10-0 J Supple (5) 77

Long handicap: Rallying Cry 9-10, Bolaney Girl 9-8, Harry's Midget 8-5.

BETTING: 7-2 Broctune Bay, 5-1 Nahri, 6-1 Alaskan Heir, Pagliaccio, 7-1 Claret And Gold, Talos, 10-1 Rallying Cry, 12-1 Spring Call, 14-1 Nicholas Plant, 16-1 others.

1994: RELUCTANT SUITOR 5-11-9 D Bentley (7-4 fav) M Hammond 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BROCTUNE BAY about 12¾l 6th of 9 to Inchcailloch in novice handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good to soft). PAGLIACCIO 2½l 2nd of 12 to Mr Confusion in maiden hurdle here (2m, good). TALOS 6l and neck 3rd of 5 to Target Line in claiming hurdle at Haydock (2m 4f, heavy). SPRING CALL 8l 2nd of 16 to Another Venture in novice hurdle at Catterick (2m, soft) on penultimate start. NAHRI beat Wee River head in 11-runner novice handicap hurdle here (2m, good). ALASKAN HEIR beat Reed 4l in novice handicap hurdle over course and distance (good) with RALLYING CRY (2lb better off) 11¼l 3rd. NICHOLAS PLANT beat Nawtinookey 1l in conditional jockeys selling handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m 4f, soft).
Selection: BROCTUNE BAY

3.50 PENICUIK NOVICES CHASE (£2,840: 3m) (15 runners)

1 10-2631 PURITAN 43 (C,F,G,S) (J Parts) N Tinkler 6-11-11 M Dwyer 88
2 P00-501 RUSTY BLADE 52 (CD,G) (Mrs M Nisbet) P Monteith 6-11-11 T Reed 86
3 P-03P26 BIG MAC 17 (F) (J Davies) G Moore 8-11-5 J Callaghan 89
4 P144P4- COUNTORUS 387 (G) (M Thompson) J Johnson 9-11-5 — 90
5 04/00-0 FIRST EVER 36 (Exors of Mr R Lamb) D Lamb 6-11-5 Mr A Manners (7) 92
6 3F54F5 FORWARD GLEN 34 (F) (P Cheesbrough) P Cheesbrough 8-11-5 NON-RUNNER —
7 /PP-0 BROS 18 (V) (W Wallace) D Eddy 8-11-5 B Storey —
8 2PP23-2 HIGHLAND RALLY 185 (K Hanson) M Avison 8-11-5 R Garritty 96
9 R0-4035 JUKE BOX BILLY 18 (F) (Erecalab Partnership) J Johnson 7-11-5 — —
10 0/F144/ MR GLEN 641 (F) (N Mason) N Mason 10-11-5 R Supple —
11 6P0-4F0 PIT PONY 15 (B,S) (Mrs A Robertson) D Robertson 11-11-5 A Dobbin 89
12 00-3P46 POLISHING 17 (V,F,G,S) (J Gordon) M Hammond 8-11-5 N Doughty —
13 131P00 RED TEMPEST 18 (F,G) (L Dunbar) J Goldie 7-11-5 F Perratt (5) —
14 1/302 REED 18 (F,S) (Mrs G Lindsay) Mrs D Thomson 10-11-5 S de Burgh (7) —
15 60-P40P LA MOLINILLA 11 (F) (Mrs K Lamb) Mrs K Lamb 12-11-0 Miss S Lamb (7) —

BETTING: 3-1 Puritan, 9-2 Rusty Blade, 6-1 Polishing, Reed, 7-1 Highland Rally, 8-1 Juke Box Billy, 12-1 Mr Glen, Pit Pony, Big Mac, 14-1 Countorus, 16-1 First Ever, 20-1 others.

1994: MR TITTLE TATTLE 8-11-10 N Williamson (4-1) K Bailey 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

PURITAN beat Rapid Mover 4l in 11-runner novice chase here (2m 4f, good) with LA MOLINILLA (6lb better off) 65l 8th. RUSTY BLADE beat BIG MAC (16lb better off) 3½l in 7-runner novice handicap chase over course and distance (good) with LA MOLINILLA (4lb better off) distance 4th and FORWARD GLEN (14lb better off) fell 10th. BIG MAC about 50l 6th of 12 to Morceli in the grade II Dipper Novice Chase at Newcastle (2m 4f, good). HIGHLAND RALLY 2½l 2nd of 7 to Kemys Commander in novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 4f, good to firm). JUKE BOX BILLY 15¾l 3rd of 9 to Trump in handicap hurdle here (3m, good). PIT PONY best effort this term 3¾l 4th of 9 to Jigginstown in novice chase at Ayr (3m 1f, good). POLISHING 15l 6th of 10 to Morgans Harbour in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (3m, good). REED 4l 2nd to Alaskan Heir in novice handicap hurdle here (2m 4f, good) with RED TEMPEST (12lb better off) 79l 14th.
Selection: PURITAN

4.20 TRIPLEPRINT OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,208: 2m) (15 runners)

1 BEGGARS BANQUET (E Ruddock) P Beaumont 5-11-5 C Hawkins —
2 CALDER'S GROVE (Alice Racing Syndicate) Miss L Perratt 5-11-5 A Dobbin —
3 0 COOL GAME 10 (D Atkinson) S Kettlewell 5-11-5 R Garritty —
4 FIRST TYCOON (Sims Cars Ltd) Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-5 J K McCarthy (7) —
5 0 LEBAL LORD 71 (T Hemmings) M Hammond 5-11-5 D Bentley —
6 SWISS GOLD (The Aunts) Miss M Milligan 5-11-5 Richard Guest —
7 2 TOM BRODIE 96 (BF) (Mrs M Bird) J Johnson 5-11-5 — —
8 TRANSCENDENTAL (M Joffee (Carl Club) Ltd) J Quinn 5-11-5 M Dwyer —
9 ALLONYM (Mrs D Pearson) G Moore 5-11-0 N Bentley —
10 VALISKY (B Liggate) R Allan 5-11-0 S Melrose (7) —
11 F DAYTIME DAWN 10 (W Burow) D Moffatt 4-10-7 D J Moffatt (3) —
12 PLANNING GAIN (J Glass) L Lungo 4-10-7 F Perratt (5) —
13 THARQAAM (Mrs S Waller) A Harrison 4-10-7 J Callaghan —
14 BAREFOOT LANDING (M Mackenzie) C Parker 4-10-2 Mr D Parker (5) —
15 CRIMSON BROCADE (J Beardley) C Fairhurst 4-10-2 J Gracey (7) —

BETTING: 5-2 Tom Brodie, 5-1 Lebal Lord, 6-1 Transcendental, 7-1 Allonym, 8-1 Planning Gain, Tharqaam, 12-1 Barefoot Landing, Crimson Brocade, 14-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
N Tinkler	8	24	33.3	Mr D Parker	3	14	21.4
Mrs M Reveley	17	58	29.3	M Dwyer	10	49	20.4
C Parker	8	33	24.2	J Callaghan	8	41	19.5
M Hammond	20	85	23.5	T Reed	16	83	19.3
J J O'Neill	6	29	20.7	P Niven	11	59	18.6
G Moore	8	39	20.5	B Storey	18	115	15.7

Meetings have to pass early inspections

THE Nottingham clerk of the course, Charlie Moore, is confident the fixture scheduled for today will go ahead. The track was waterlogged over the weekend, and Moore deferred yesterday's 2.00pm inspection until 7am today.

Moore said yesterday: "The groundstaff here deserve a medal for what they have done. We have hired three pumps to get rid of the water from the track, and will work till dark. The course is nearly raceable at the moment, but we will pump as much water out as we can, just in case there is rain tonight. Our chances are 70-30 in favour of racing going ahead."

Today's other turf meeting at Edinburgh must pass a 6.00am inspection. The clerk of the course, Sam Morshead, said yesterday: "We have had a frost but the forecast is for a sharp rise in temperature tonight and for a warm day tomorrow, so we will inspect in the morning just so people know whether to travel."

Windsor, due to race tomorrow, was called off yesterday with severe waterlogging affecting the course, and the flooded car parks playing host to a flock of swans.

Leicester, another of tomorrow's fixtures, will be the subject of an inspection at 9.45am today with hopes of racing in the balance. The clerk of the course, Nick Lees, said: "If the dry and bright weather were to continue then we would probably be able to go ahead. But the forecast is for more rain and that could prove troublesome."

Hopes are high for Thursday's meeting at Sedgefield. The course foreman, John Davidson, reported that most of the heavy frost had come out of the ground. Towcester reports heavy going for its meeting on Thursday.

The meeting at Kelso on Friday is in doubt because the track is still frozen after heavy frost at the weekend. However, milder weather is forecast later this week.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

1.40 Arndilly. 2.10 Another Episode. 2.40 Nigel's Lad. 3.10 Persian Conquest. 3.40 Milos. 4.10 Anotherone To Note.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 Field Of Stars. 3.40 HOIST (nap).

GOING: STANDARD SIS

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW TO MIDDLE NUMBERS BEST

1.40 DOG CART CLAIMING STAKES (£3,110: 1m) (12 runners)

101 (3) 4-01 ARNDILLY 6 (B,G) B Meehan 4-8-13 R Cochrane 99
102 (10) 0-0 ESPERER 28 J O'Donoghue 5-8-13 D R McCabe (5) —
103 (7) 0/00 INDIAN FIRE 20 K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-13 G Carter —
104 (5) 400- SECRET ASSIGNMENT 61 (V) C Cyzer 5-8-13 G Bardwell 70
105 (9) 0-03 BEWARE OF AGENTS 20 (BF,F,S) M Johnston 6-8-11 Dean McKeown 95
106 (12) 1-01 MASNUN 5 (CD,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 10-8-9 A Clark 97
107 (2) 30-0 ANNABELLA BAGGINS 26 (B) R Boss 4-8-7 L Dettori 63
108 (8) -024 PERILOUS PLIGHT 5 (F) W Muir 4-8-6 J Weaver 90
109 (6) 060- BELFORT RULER 143 (H,F) B Gubby 8-8-6 J Quinn 80
110 (1) 000- CLARET BUMBLE 523 (D,F,G) A Hermans 4-8-3 J Stack (5) 77
111 (4) 00-6 TITANIUM HONDA 6 C Brittain 4-8-2 B Doyle 87
112 (11) 500- VICTORIA HALL 48 (V) W G M Turner 5-8-0 G Duffield 87

3-1 Masnun, 9-2 Arndilly, 5-1 Perilous Plight, 6-1 Beware Of Agents, 8-1 Titanium Honda, 10-1 Annabella Baggins, 12-1 others.

2.10 LINGFIELD PARK AWT SPRINT SERIES HANDICAP (Qualifier: £3,776: 5f) (7)

201 (3) 510- MOSCOW ROAD 31 (D,S) Miss B Sanders 4-9-12 S Sanders (5) 95
202 (5) 6-32 SPENDER 10 (C,D,F,G) P Harris 6-9-11 J Stack (5) 96
203 (2) 20-6 ANOTHER EPISODE 19 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 6-9-10 G Carter 96
204 (1) 0-10 SIR TASKER 20 (CD,BF,F,G) J L Harris 7-9-5 R Cochrane 98
205 (7) 1-22 KALAR 6 (B,CD,F,G) D Chapman 6-9-1 L Dettori 99
206 (4) 146- TEE-EMM 42 (CD,G) P Howling 5-8-11 J Quinn 98
207 (6) -242 DISTANT DYNASTY 14 (CD,BF,G,S) B Pearce 5-8-7 Stephen Davies 93

5-2 Spender, 3-1 Kalar, 9-2 Distant Dynasty, 6-1 Another Episode, 7-1 Moscow Road, 8-1 Sir Tasker, 10-1 Tee-Emm.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Harris, 6 winners from 21 runners, 28.6%; P Cole, 21 from 85, 24.7%; Lord Huntingdon, 27 from 119, 22.7%; J Berry, 19 from 84, 22.6%; K McAuliffe, 4 from 19, 21.1%; M Prescott, 17 from 81, 21.0%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 52 winners from 194 rides, 26.8%; J Weaver, 31 from 140, 22.1%; Emma O'Gorman, 38 from 173, 22.0%; G Duffield, 22 from 101, 21.8%; Dean McKeown, 24 from 120, 20.0%; R Cochrane, 23 from 144, 16.0%.

2.40 DAILY STAR AWT CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (Qualifier: 3-Y-0: £3,269: 1m 2f) (10)

301 (1) -312 NIGEL'S LAD 6 (CD,G) P Haslam 9-7 J Weaver 96
302 (7) 13-4 STAR FIGHTER 21 (CD,BF,G) W O'Gorman 9-3 Emma O'Gorman (3) 93
303 (3) 052- KEYS SEMINAR 31 N Callaghan 9-0 G Carter 92
304 (10) 0-11 HARRY BROWNE 11 (G) Mrs J Ramsden 8-13 S D Williams 90
305 (9) 2-26 INN AT THE TOP 19 M Johnston 8-11 T Williams 95
306 (6) 54-6 ELITE NUMBER 21 P Cole 8-5 S Sanders (5) 97
307 (4) 5-55 ROWLANDSONS SILVER 14 D Murray Smith 8-2 C Rutter 86
308 (8) 00-0 WINTERBOTTOM 18 I Campbell 8-2 A Mackay 99
309 (5) 0-00 JOINT PROSPECT 25 (B) C Elsey 7-8 J Quinn 96
310 (2) 0-40 STAR INFORMATION 17 J Moore 7-7 D Wright (3) 88

5-2 Harry Browne, 4-1 Nigel's Lad, 6-1 Inn At The Top, Star Fighter, 7-1 Keys Seminar, 10-1 Rowlandsons Silver, 12-1 others.

3.10 SULKY MAIDEN STAKES (£3,691: 1m 2f) (5)

401 (2) 020- COME ON DANCER 36J J White 7-9-11 S Drowne (5) 78
402 (3) 224- FIELD OF STARS 73J N Callaghan 5-9-11 R Cochrane 99
403 (4) 55- MASRAH DUBAI 42 M Jarvis 4-9-8 T Ives 80
404 (5) MOUNTAIN BOY M Johnston 4-9-8 A Proud —
405 (1) 6-22 PERSIAN CONQUEST 8 (B,BF) R Ingram 3-8-2 W Woods 94

7-4 Field Of Stars, 5-2 Persian Conquest, 7-2 Mountain Boy, 9-2 Masrah Dubai, 8-1 Come On Dancer.

3.40 HANSOM LIMITED STAKES (£2,981: 7f) (8)

501 (5) 32-1 SPENCER'S REVENGE 18 (CD,G) Lord Huntingdon 6-9-10 L Dettori 90
502 (1) 420- ADMIRALS FLAME 125 (S) C Wall 4-9-7 W Woods 88
503 (3) 002- DESERT INVADER 148 (S) D Chapman 4-9-7 D R McCabe (5) 90
504 (8) 04-3 MILOS 27 (CD,F,G) T Naughton 4-9-7 J Weaver 95
505 (6) 0-40 MULLITOVER 17 (D,G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-7 Stephen Davies 99
506 (2) 05-0 PIRATES GOLD 5 (C,S) J White 5-9-7 S Drowne (5) 79
507 (4) 33-1 HOIST 14 (C,G) M Prescott 4-9-5 G Duffield 97
508 (7) 1-30 FRISKY MISS 5 (F,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-2 G Carter 95

5-2 Spencer's Revenge, 11-4 Milos, 3-1 Hoist, 6-1 Desert Invader, 8-1 Pirates Gold, 10-1 Admirals Flame, 12-1 others.

4.10 PHAETON HANDICAP (£2,764: 6f) (10)

601 (7) 420- RISKIE THINGS 31 (CD,F,G) J Moore 4-10-0 Hannah Fox (7) 92
602 (6) 0-46 FORGOTTEN DANCER 8 (B,D,S) R Ingram 4-9-5 R Cochrane 96
603 (1) /00- CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 45 (G) R O'Sullivan 7-9-4 S Mulvey (5) 87
604 (2) 0-06 RAPIER POINT 10 (D,G) P Haslam 4-9-4 J Weaver 99
605 (3) 00-5 ANOTHERONE TO NOTE 24 (V) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-3 W Woods 91
606 (5) -000 HINARI VIDEO 14 (C,D,G,S) M Johnston 10-8-13 T Williams 87
607 (9) 000- SWEET WHISPER 108 (V,CD,G) K McAuliffe 4-8-11 J Stack (5) 88
608 (4) 006- PURBECK CENTENARY 61 (C,G) P Howling 5-8-7 J Quinn 82
609 (8) 5-35 CHEEKY CHAPPY 8 (B) D Chapman 4-8-3 C Teague (7) 93
610 (10) -104 MYJINKA 7 (B,CD,G) J O'Donoghue 5-7-12 M Baird (7) 96

3-1 Rapier Point, 9-2 Myjinka, 6-1 Crystal Heights, Anotherone To Note, 7-1 Forgotten Dancer, 8-1 Riskie Things, 10-1 Purbeck Centenary, 12-1 others.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

1.30 Prince Of Salerno. 2.00 Barna Boy. 2.30 *Threeoutoffour*. *3.00 Bayariyka*. 3.30 Major Yaasi. 4.00 Court Melody. 4.30 Bramblehill Buck.

GOING: SOFT, HEAVY PATCHES (7AM INSPECTION) SIS

1.30 GOTHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,249: 3m 110yd) (15 runners)

1 401/ KITCHI KOO 752 (C,S) A J Wilson 11-11-12 S Wynne
2 -000 KETTI 54 (F,G,S) D Williams 10-11-11 Guy Lewis
3 0314 FORTUNES COURSE 31 (D,G,S) J King 6-11-10 A P McCoy
4 PP-0 VITAL WITNESS 45 (S) K Morgan 8-11-7 R Massey
5 F3F1 PRINCE OF SALERNO 36 (S) N Gaselee 8-11-7 W Currie (7)
6 -005 GALAXY HIGH 13 (G,S) P Leach 8-11-6 P McLoughlin
7 0050 BUCKINGHAM GATE 13 (G,S) D Gandolfo 8-11-2 D Leahy
8 20P2 MANWELL 36 (S) B Temple 8-10-10 E Callaghan (5)
9 0/4 BAVARD BAY 21 (S) G Bassett 11-10-9 B Harding
10 U810 POLK 50 (S) M Pipe 8-10-9 T Dascombe (5)
11 4F5P MISS CAPULET 15 (B,C,D,G,S) T Donnelly 8-10-9 D Meredith
12 14-3 BOOGIE BOPPER 13 (C,V,S) M Pipe 6-10-2 O Burrows (5)
13 4000 PLEASE CALL 63 J J O'Neill 6-10-1 G Hogan
14 4333 KADARI 12 (B) W Clay 6-10-0 N Jacken (5)
15 -524 LITTLE BIG 146 (F,G) J J O'Neill 8-10-0 R McGrath (5)

5-1 Prince Of Salerno, 6-1 Boogie Bopper, Manwell, 7-1 Vital Witness, 8-1 others.

2.00 KINGSTON NOVICES CHASE (£3,054: 2m) (10)

1 11-1 BARNA BOY 21 (G,S) N Henderson 7-11-10 M A Fitzgerald
2 -02P A FORTIORI 24 (B,S) M Pipe 7-11-4 M Foster
3 1-01 ELEGANT FRIEND 49 (G,S) M Tompkins 7-11-4 D Gallagher
4 D40- FOSELBERG 268 (G) K Bridgwater 7-11-4 N Williamson
5 2F2U IN TRUTH 10 (BF,B,S) S Gollings 7-11-4 A Maguire
6 5-56 SANTARAY 73 (G,S) T Donnelly 9-11-4 G Bradley
7 6C32 SOVEREIGN NICHE 33 (V,BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-11-4 J Lower
8 -23F ANNIE KELLY 52 (S) J Wharton 7-10-13 B Dalton
9 -0P2 TUMBLED BRIDE 33 (S) V Greenway 9-10-13 C Maude
10 3P10 DOC COTTRILL 36 (S) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-8 W Humphreys

4-7 Barna Boy, 6-1 Elegant Friend, 7-1 In Truth, Santaray, 8-1 others.

2.30 NOTTINGHAM GOLD CARD HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier: £4,079: 2m 5f 110yd) (27)

1 0-21 PRIDWELL 3 (BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-12-2 (6ex) J Lower
2 -345 OLYMPIAN 21 (B,C,F,G) R Simpson 8-12-0 D Gallagher
3 522- LEMON'S MILL 274 (F,G) M Pipe 6-12-0 Mr A Farrant (5)
4 111- ATTADALE 103F (D,F,G,S) L Lungo 7-12-0 J Osborne
5 31/5 FINAL RUN 16 (G) D Hughes (Ire) 8-11-12 C O'Dwyer
6 P0-0 PRAGADA 18 (D,G,S) R Rowe 12-11-11 M Perrett
7 FR05 DOMINANT SERENADE 15 (G,S) M Hammond 6-11-10 —
8 1311 MYSTIC MEMORY 74 (F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-7 N Smith
9 053/ TAMARPOUR 959F (F,G) M Pipe 8-11-7 L Reynolds (7)
10 2244 LOCH SCAVAIG 18 (F,G,S) D Nellor 8-11-5 J Burke
11 1112 IVY HOUSE 53 (G,S) J J O'Neill 7-11-2 A Maguire
12 2540 GOSPEL 52 (F,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-1 W Humphreys
13 313- STEEL DAWN 202 (B,S) R Curtis (Ire) 8-11-0 Mr R J Curran (7)
14 2435 COUTURE STOCKINGS 35 (CD,F,G,S) J Mackie 11-10-12 J R Kavanagh
15 1-1F MIDNIGHT CALLER 58 (BF,S) S Sherwood 9-10-9 G Upton
16 15-2 PREROGATIVE 33 (V,S) M Pipe 5-10-8 T Dascombe (7)
17 5133 JUDGES FANCY 24 (B,S) N Twiston-Davies 11-10-8 Mr M Rimell (7)
18 11 BETTY'S BOY 69 (B,S) K Bailey 6-10-7 N Williamson
19 -213 MR PICKPOCKET 25 (S) J Akehurst 7-10-6 G Bradley
20 4R03 THREEOUTOFFOUR 17 (C,D,G,S) O Brennan 10-10-5 M Brennan
21 2322 PUNTERS OVERHEAD 41 (BF,S) M Pipe 7-10-3 M Foster
22 2352 HIGH GRADE 10 (B,S) Miss S Wilson 7-10-3 B Powell
23 62-3 RIMOUSKI 166 (G) B Cambidge 7-10-2 Mr J Cambidge
24 4-50 KNOCKAVERRY 38 (CD,G,S) M Wilkinson 7-10-0 P Ward (7)
25 12-1 SAMSOOL 15 (V,S) A Whillans 9-10-0 B Harding (5)
26 4-52 ARFER MOLE 64 (BF,S) J Old 7-10-0 T Grantham
27 1111 TRUMP 18 (G,S) C Parker 6-10-0 2nd post

7-1 Pridwell, 8-1 Mystic Memory, 12-1 Lemon's Mill, Prerogative, 14-1 Betty's Boy, High Grade, Olympian, 16-1 Threeoutoffour, Ivy House, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Egerton, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; J Glover, 4 from 13, 30.8%; N Henderson, 8 from 30, 26.7%; N Gaselee, 5 from 20, 25.0%; D Nicholson, 13 from 56, 23.2%; M Pipe, 8 from 39, 20.5%.

JOCKEYS: J Lower, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; J Osborne, 13 from 49, 26.5%; R Farrant, 3 from 13, 23.1%; A Maguire, 10 from 48, 20.8%; M Brennan, 7 from 40, 17.5%; G Upton, 3 from 23, 13.0%.

3.00 BRADMORE FILLIES JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,461: 2m) (17)

1 2R12 LYING EYES 35 (S) W G M Turner 11-5 P Holley
2 0410 PETITE BIJOU 8F (D,S) R Brotherton 11-8 L Harvey
3 4500 A SUITABLE GIRL 19 D Williams 11-0 A P McCoy (3)
4 3 BAYARIYKA 24 N Henderson 11-0 M A Fitzgerald
5 003 BESCABY GIRL 11 J Wainwright 11-0 P Midgley (3)
6 DARLYA 167F Mrs D Haine 11-0 J F Titley
7 5 GUNNY'S GIRL 74 F Jordan 11-0 J Lodder
8 2S6 JOSIFINA 50 M McCormack 11-0 C Maude
9 0 KARLINE KA 80 R Dickin 11-0 D Meredith (3)
10 MISS THE POST 112F D Nicholson 11-0 A Maguire
11 3 ORANGE EXTREME 74 W Clay 11-0 N Jacken (7)
12 F PEEP O DAY 11 Mrs M Reveley 11-0 N Smith
13 ROSY LYDGATE 25F S Kettlewell 11-0 P McLoughlin (5)
14 RUMI 113F C Egerton 11-0 J Osborne
15 0 THE FROG LADY 10F D Arbuthnot 11-0 N Williamson
16 P350 TRECENTO 12 J Mackie 11-0 J R Kavanagh
17 U0 WHIRLWIND ROMANCE 11 W Kemp 11-0 —

7-2 Lying Eyes, 5-1 Bayariyka, 6-1 Miss The Post, 7-1 Peep O Day, 8-1 Bescaby Girl, Rumi, 12-1 Josifina, 14-1 others.

3.30 PLUMTREE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,395: 2m) (12)

1 -052 VIRKON VENTURE 21 M Tompkins 7-11-10 M A Fitzgerald
2 251 MAJOR YAASI 12 (CD,S) J Glover 5-11-10 N Williamson
3 2611 NORDIC CROWN 19 (B,CD,G,S) M Pipe 4-11-9 J Lower
4 2/-0 NEWARK ANTIQUEFAIR 45 B McMahon 7-11-3 B Clifford
5 456- CLEEVAUN 378 (G) J J O'Neill 7-11-3 G Bradley
6 F622 JAY EM ESS 57 (BF) D Nicholson 6-11-0 A Maguire
7 384 RANZEL 33 (B) Mrs D Haine 5-11-0 J F Titley
8 5184 BARNEY'S GIFT 36 (V,CD,S) O Brennan 7-10-13 M Brennan
9 -312 BIRTHPLACE 24 (B,D,BF,S) J A Harris 5-10-1 S Wynne (3)
10 5-30 THISONESFORALICE 17 A Harrison 7-10-0 J Osborne
11 0P/0 ALDWICK COLONNADE 50 M Usher 8-10-0 B Powell
12 200 PASSING PLAYER 54 F Jordan 4-10-0 J Lodder

7-2 Nordic Crown, 4-1 Virkon Venture, 9-2 Jay Em Ess, Major Yaasi, 8-1 Cleevaun, 10-1 Barney's Gift, Birthplace, 16-1 others.

4.00 CHARNWOOD NOVICES CHASE (£3,496: 2m 5f 110yd) (17)

1 5311 COUNTESS VERUSCHKA 25 (CD,G,S) K Bailey 9-11-11 N Williamson
2 412/ BANK PLACE 676 (S) S Sherwood 8-11-4 J Osborne
3 U244 CHARTERFORHARDWARE 12 W Clay 9-11-4 R Farrant
4 10-P COURT MELODY 87 (BF,G,S) P Nicholls 7-11-4 C Maude
5 5-30 DIVINE CHANCE 21 (S) N Gaselee 7-11-4 M A Fitzgerald
6 2PF FEICHM 24 Mrs L Taylor 6-11-4 P Ward (7)
7 PP40 GLAISDALE 13 (B) M Tompkins 6-11-4 D Gallagher
8 22-4 JUDGED LUCKY 10 J McConnochie 8-11-4 R Bellamy
9 10-F LE GINNO 76 (B,G,S) C Brooks 8-11-4 G Bradley
10 5343 MEDITATOR 3 (B,S) Miss J Doyle 11-11-4 DOUBTFUL
11 0SP/ MR SNEEZE EASY 1403 M Barraclough 9-11-4 B Powell
12 /02- PENNINE PASS 518 D Williams 6-11-4 A P McCoy (3)
13 -6P2 RUSTIC SUNSET 20 A Turnell 9-11-4 S McNeill
14 F6/P TERAD 64 (S) M Pipe 9-11-4 J Lower
15 -P00 UNLUCKY FOR SOME 62 (G) Mrs D Haine 6-11-4 J F Titley
16 FUF- DOLLY OATS 311 D Nicholson 9-10-13 A Maguire
17 -000 MARINERS MIRROR 17 (D,S) M Scudamore 8-10-13 G Upton

7-2 Countess Veruschka, 5-1 Terao, Court Melody, 6-1 Glaisdale, 8-1 Bank Place, Le Ginno, 10-1 Charterforhardware, Rustic Sunset, 12-1 others.

4.30 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,424: 2m) (20)

1 ANSURO AGAIN Mrs M Reveley 6-11-7 M Herrington (7)
2 0 BLAKENEY LAD 10 B McMahon 5-11-7 S Wynne (3)
3 0 BORO HILL 17 R Alfrey 5-11-7 D Leahy (3)
4 BRAMBLEHILL BUCK P Nicholls 6-11-7 A P McCoy (3)
5 GOLDEN NECTAR N Twiston-Davies 5-11-7 Mr S Joynes (7)
6 3 HOH DELIVERY 10 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-11-7 Mr B Shenkin (7)
7 0 INDIAN TRACKER 29 (BF) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-7 Mr M Rimell (7)
8 LORD MCMURROUGH R Simpson 5-11-7 Mr E Williams (7)
9 ROYAL TRUMP M Bradstock 8-11-7 Mr E James
10 0 BRIDGE DELIGHT 33 M Wilkinson 6-11-2 P Ward (7)
11 BUCKMIST BLUE K Morgan 5-11-2 R Massey (5)
12 CLAREMARE W Clay 6-11-2 Mr B Leavy
13 0 A NEW FLAME 25 R Guest 4-10-9 R Wilkinson (7)
14 BRAZIL OR BUST Mrs J Ramsden 4-10-9 D Thomas (7)
15 EL RUBIO J Spearing 4-10-9 Miss T Spearing (7)
16 POLITICAL PANTO M Pipe 4-10-9 T Dascombe (7)
17 RAKNAGAR Miss J Doyle 4-10-9 A Proctor
18 RUSSIAN BEAR K Morgan 4-10-9 Mr S Walker (7)
19 SON OF A GUNNER R Simpson 4-10-9 P McLoughlin (5)
20 0 CLOVER GIRL 17 B Ellison 4-10-4 G Hogan (5)

4-1 Hoh Delivery, 5-1 Ansuro Again, 6-1 Golden Nectar, Political Panto, 7-1 Indian Tracker, 8-1 Bramblehill Buck, Brazil Or Bust, 12-1 others.

Southwell

Going: standard

1.00 (1m) 1, Lam Fort (R Cochrane, 11-4); 2, Profit Release (5-2 jt-fav); 3, Fletcher's Bounty (7-1). Dome Patrol 5-2 jt-fav. 9 ran. 1l, 3l. C Fairhurst. Tote: £3.60; £1.10, £1.30, £1.90. DF: £7.90. Trio: £12.00. CSF: £10.61. Tricast: £42.64.

1.30 (1m) 1, Kirov Protege (M Rimmer, 9-2); 2, Warwick Mist (100-30 fav); 3, Runforaction (9-1). 10 ran. 1¾l, ¾l. R Armstrong. Tote: £5.50; £1.70, £1.80, £5.90. DF: £8.10. Trio: £53.00. CSF: £21.13. Tricast: £126.30.

2.00 (1m) 1, Broughtons Turmoil (D McCabe, 20-1); 2, Hawwam (Evens fav); 3, Matthew David (12-1). 8 ran. 2¾l, 7l. W Musson. Tote: £18.70; £4.10, £1.40, £1.40. DF: £61.40. CSF: £41.01. Tricast: £257.35.

2.30 (6f) 1, Pine Ridge Lad (S D Williams, 14-1); 2, Sea Devil (7-4 fav); 3, Bold Aristocrat (20-1). 12 ran. 3l, 1½l. J Eyre. Tote: £19.60; £4.80, £1.90, £6.90. DF: £31.40. CSF: £41.75.

3.00 (2m) 1, Dallai (Amanda Sanders, 20-1); 2, Greenacres Star (8-1); 3, Romalito (7-2). Intention 10-11 fav. 8 ran. Nk, 10l. Mrs N Macauley. Tote: £19.40; £3.80, £1.10, £2.10. DF: £25.70. CSF: £155.70.

3.30 (6f) 1, Little Ibnr (L Dettori, 11-4); 2, Warwick Warrior (9-4 fav); 3, Shadow Jury (10-1). 7 ran. 2½l, 1l. P Evans. Tote: £3.70; £2.10, £2.10. DF: £4.70. CSF: £9.25.

4.00 (1m) 1, Poly Lane (J Weaver, 11-4 fav); 2, Vindaloo (12-1); 3, Samana Cay (7-2). 9 ran. 5l, ¾l. W Muir. Tote: £3.60; £1.90, £3.70, £1.20. DF: £21.60. Trio: £17.90. CSF: £33.39. Tricast: £109.10.

4.30 (1m 3f) 1, Palacegate Jo (L Dettori, 6-1); 2, Who's The Best (25-1); 3, Simaat (15-8 fav). 13 ran. NR: Spring Loaded. 2¼l, 1l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £7.00; £1.80, £8.10, £1.40. DF: £56.20. Trio: £122.50. CSF: £132.27. Tricast: £354.84.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £48,417.48 carried forward to Lingfield today).

Placepot: £159.00. Quadpot: £104.70.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Edinburgh: 1.20 King Of Show. 2.50 Charming Gale. 3.50 Gros. Lingfield Park: 1.40 Annabella Baggins, Victoria Hall. 3.10 Persian Conquest. Nottingham: 3.30 Barney's Gift, Birthplace, Ranzel. 4.00 Le Ginno.

Bokaro ready to return at Sandown

BOKARO is poised to return at Sandown on Saturday after nearly 18 months off the track. The nine-year-old was a useful performer when last seen, winning the Queen Mother Supreme Hurdle at Belmont Park and a valuable event at San Siro in the 1990-91 season, when he also unseated his rider two out in the Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot when well in command.

He has not run since having three races in France early last season, but his trainer, Charlie Brooks, has entered him for the Sandown Handicap Hurdle and the Agfa Hurdle on Saturday.

A spokeswoman for Brooks's stable said: "Charlie wants to see what is in each race before deciding which to go for. Bokaro has been off for some time with leg trouble but he is fine now. He was a good horse and Charlie would not have entered him for races like these if he didn't think he retained his ability."

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FA suspends England striker for four matches and imposes £1,000 fine

Wright ban deepens gloom over Highbury

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

THOUGH not quite in the same class as Eric Cantona, when it comes to walking on the wilder side of life, Ian Wright lurks not far behind Manchester United's *enfant terrible*. Wright, the Arsenal forward, was yesterday fined £1,000 and suspended for four matches — his third ban of the season — for reaching the 41-point disciplinary mark.

It represents a further setback for George Graham, the Arsenal manager, in a season that would tax the patience of a saint. He has had to endure personal controversy involving transfer irregularities, alleged and still pending, the drink, drugs and gambling revelations surrounding Paul Merson, and an almost total loss of form from his once formidable first team.

Wright's appearance before a Football Association disciplinary hearing, a now regular occurrence, only adds to the general air of gloom at Highbury. Starting on Saturday, he will miss the FA Carling Premiership matches against Sheffield Wednesday, Leicester City, Nottingham Forest and Crystal Palace.

However, he will be available for the European Super Cup first leg against AC Milan at Highbury tomorrow and, as long as there is not a series of postponements, should have served his time before Arsenal resume their defence of the Cup Winners' Cup with a home quarter-final first leg against Auxerre on March 2.

Should Terry Venables deem him fit, he could also play for England against Ireland in Dublin on February 15. The FA has reversed its stand of not considering suspended players for international selection. "The change was made because we have so few warm-up matches before the European championship," Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive, said.

Wright has been booked 12 times in 30 games this season — once in the Makita International Tournament, eight times in the Premiership and three times in cup competition. He has already sat out five matches because of suspension. "It was a fair hearing, that's all I can say," he said yesterday.

Graham, in Wright's defence, said: "We made the point that only two of Ian's bookings this season have been for dissent. We still feel a lot of these problems, and other players' problems, with the number of bookings have been caused by the new directives given to referees."

Merson has not played since the 2-2 Cup Winners' Cup second-round second-leg draw with Brondby, of Denmark, on November 3, after undergoing rehabilitation at a South Coast clinic. He had hoped to make his return against Peterborough United at London Road last night in a match designed as a run-out for the Arsenal squad, but the FA intervened.

Mike Parry, an FA spokesman, said: "Arsenal spoke to us about the possibility, but, as it is a public game, we have not given our permission." Arsenal will ask the FA to reconsider and allow Merson to play against Milan tomorrow night.

Merson, Wright or Cantona still have some way to go, in terms of yellow cards, to overhaul the record of Terry Hurlock, the Fulham midfield player. Hurlock, formerly of Brentford, Reading, Millwall, Rangers and Southampton, has been cautioned 14 times this season and reached the 51-point mark. He was handed a two-match suspension yesterday, which has been added to the four-match ban he is halfway towards completing, and was also fined £350.

The television hierarchy yesterday decided its requirements for the FA Cup fifth round. On Sunday, February 19, Sky will show Newcastle United v Manchester City at 1pm, and the BBC will broadcast Manchester United v Leeds United at 3pm.

The FA yesterday appointed Don Howe as its technical co-ordinator, the first step towards giving English football an all-powerful technical director who will lead the national sport into the next century.

Ten days after a deal broke down over personal terms, Earl Barrett's transfer from Aston Villa to Everton was back on again yesterday. The England defender travelled to Liverpool for talks with Joe Royle, the Everton manager, yesterday afternoon and was expected to sign last night. Royle has agreed a fee of around £2 million for the player he sold to Villa when manager of Oldham Athletic.

TONY HARRIS



Wright reflects on the indiscretions that took him before an FA disciplinary hearing in London yesterday

Italy shocked by supporter's death

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

AC MILAN believed things were looking up. With indifferent form through a long and tiring autumn forgotten, and crowd trouble and Uefa punishment overcome in the European Cup, they had, at long last, begun to enjoy their football again. Until Sunday, when playing football suddenly seemed trivial.

The death of a Genoa supporter, Vincenzo Spagnolo, stabbed during a fight with Milan followers before the teams' encounter in the Luigi Ferraris stadium, first cast a dark shadow over the weekend's events in *Serie A*, then ignited a furious debate about the state of the game in Italy and the violence that, increasingly, surrounds it — a discussion that included everybody from the Vatican to the government, from the club owners to the players. The scenes of crowd violence before the game, the angry protests from Genoa supporters about the incident that led to the match being abandoned at half-time after a shower of bottles and other missiles, and the continuing trouble afterwards, with 970 visiting Milanese kept inside the stadium until after midnight to ensure their safety, led to demands for immediate action.

Yesterday, those demands were met as Italian sports authorities decided to suspend sporting activities next Sunday in a response to the stabbing. The decision was taken at a meeting in Rome of leading officials of the national Olympic committee and the Italian league and football federation. Though the ban covered national leagues, play in the Davis Cup tennis tie against the Czech Republic would go on as normal. "Italian sport wants to say 'enough to violence'," Mario Pescante, the Olympic committee president, said.

The decision, though perhaps inevitable, was not without its critics. The Italian cabinet rejected calling for such a ban itself, believing it could cause more trouble, although Antonio Brancaccio, the Interior Minister, did hold a meeting of security officials to discuss new measures for ensuring order at sporting events.

For Milan, the incident could barely have come at a worse time. Their league form had been impressive in recent weeks, with a run of five consecutive victories, and they believed they had put behind them the crowd trouble that scarred their campaign in the European Cup, trouble that caused them to be penalised two Champions' League points after the Casino Salzburg goalkeeper had been struck on the head by a bottle thrown from the crowd during a game in September.

They may now face a further punishment from the Italian league for the crowd trouble at Genoa, although it is unclear whether the match, abandoned with the score at 0-0, will be replayed. Milan's mood for their European Super Cup first leg tie with Arsenal at Highbury tomorrow is difficult to predict.

A 19-year-old Milan supporter was arrested yesterday in connection with Spagnolo's death. Six others were arrested for violence after the game, during which 27 people were injured. Three of them were convicted of resisting arrest and insulting authorities and sentenced to probation of up to one year.

New keels transform America's Cup trials

A CHANGE of keels between the first and second rounds of the America's Cup trials, certainly on John Bertrand's *oneAustralia* and probably on Bill Koch's all-women's yacht, *America³*, transformed the performances of both teams when racing resumed off San Diego on Sunday (Barry Pickthall writes). Bertrand persevered with his world championship-winning yacht for a second round and, after reverting to the keel with which he won last October, steadily pulled away from Chris Dickson's New Zealand entry, *TAG Heuer*.

Leslie Egnot, the young New Zealander now established as helmsperson on *America³*, ahead of Dawn Riley, lost the start to Kevin Mahaney's *Young America*, but then showed superior speed upwind to round the top mark with a lead of 40 seconds. The women held on to win by 14 seconds. Neville Wittey, the new helmsman brought in to replace Chris Law on *Sydney 95*, was outsmarted at the start by Russell Coutts on *Team New Zealand*, and never got back into the race. *Nippon 94* easily beat *Rioja de España*.

Title bout postponed

BOXING: Chris Eubank's World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight world title defence against Steve Collins, from Dublin, which was scheduled to take place in Belfast on Saturday week, was postponed yesterday. Barry Hearn, the promoter, however, is confident that it can be rearranged for March 18, probably in co. Cork.

Hearn regards the Green Glens Arena in Millstreet as a possible substitute venue for Eubank's latest defence, and an announcement is expected later this week. Eubank had originally been scheduled to meet Ray Close at the King's Hall, but Close had to pull out after abnormalities were revealed on a brain scan. Sky TV was unhappy at being given only four weeks' notice of the change of opponent.

Slovak tie greets Lloyd

TENNIS: David Lloyd's reign as the British Davis Cup captain will begin with a tie at the new £2.5 million Devonshire Park stadium at Eastbourne from July 14 to 16. The Euro/African zone group two match will be against Egypt or Monaco. The opponents will depend on the result of that match and Britain's first-round tie with the Slovak Republic in Bratislava from April 28 to 30. Should Britain win there, they will meet the winners of the Egypt-Monaco match. Should Britain lose, they will play the losers of the second tie to decide relegation to group three.

Neath to meet Swansea

RUGBY UNION: Neath and Swansea will meet at The Gnoll in the outstanding tie of the sixth round of the Swalec Cup, which takes place on Saturday, March 25. Swansea have twice beaten Neath in three cup meetings, but they lost 24-16 to their west Wales rivals in the 1990 semi-finals. Neath went on to lift the cup that year. Llanelli play Dunvant in the other all-Heineken League first division tie.

SWALEC CUP: Sixth round draw: Bridgend v Penygraig; Llanelli v Dunvant; Seven Sisters or Blackwood v Newbridge; Builth Wells v Whitland or Mountain Ash; Tenby United or Aberavon v Cardiff Institute; Neath v Swansea; Pontypridd v Ebbw Vale or Old Blydians; South Wales Police or Old Penarthians v Cardiff.

Singh proves on song

GOLF: Vijay Singh, from Fiji, beat Billy Mayfair at the first extra hole to win the Phoenix Open in Scottsdale, Arizona. Singh, who has been involved in four play-offs during his career and won them all, was forced into the sudden-death finish by tying with Mayfair after the pair returned five-under-par rounds of 66 to end on 15 under — two shots clear of Ben Crenshaw, the overnight leader. Singh cut the play-off short by sinking a two-foot par putt on the 1st hole. Nick Faldo ended with a 67 to finish on a one-under 283.

Britain pegged back

HOCKEY: The United States women's team levelled the three-match international series against Great Britain with a 2-0 victory at the Olympic training camp in San Diego. After a goalless first half, the home team struck twice in two minutes. Barbara Marois, the captain, scored from a penalty corner, and Laurel Martin got the second in similar fashion. Janet Jack, of Scotland, won her first Great Britain cap, along with Charlotte Merrett, the teenager from Wales. The decisive match will be played today.

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Americans plan for new league in Europe

THE International Hockey League (IHL), of the United States, yesterday announced plans to form a European division comprising seven teams (Norman de Mesquita writes). They will be based in Austria, Denmark, France, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

There have been two previous attempts to introduce fully-professional ice hockey in Europe, but neither got off the ground.

The IHL expansion committee is convinced, however, that the plan will work this time, because it is a division of an existing league rather than an attempt to establish a new competition.

The IHL is the main developmental league for the National Hockey League (NHL) and is 50 years old. It has 17 teams in four divisions in the United States with plans to expand into two more cities next season.

It is anticipated that the European division will start operations for the 1996 season. Players will be recruited from the best in Great Britain, Europe and North America.

While the NHL is struggling at the gate in some cities because of escalating admission prices, one condition for all teams in the IHL is that at least half of the seats should be available at $10 (about £6.30) or less. A similar pricing policy is envisaged for the European division, and the IHL sees this as one of its best selling points.

There is no doubt that the British Ice Hockey Association will be against this venture, however.

ATHLETICS

GRENOBLE: Indoor meeting: Men: 50m: I Meite (Ivory Coast) 5.69sec. 300m: S Bada (Nigeria) 33.73. 1,500m: N Morceli (Alg) 3min 34.29sec. 50m hurdles: M McKoy (Austria) 6.42sec. Pole vault: P Bochkarev (Russ) 5.80m. Triple jump: B Wellman (Germ) 17.47. Women: 50m: A Nuneva (Bul) 6.19sec. 800m: L Vraeside (Sur) 2min 05.73sec. 50m hurdles: J Graudin (Russ) 6.77sec. Long jump: H Drechsler (Ger) 6.98m.

SAN SEBASTIAN: IAAF grand prix cross-country: Men: 1, P Guerra (Por) 32min 19sec; 2, S Hissou (Mor) 32:14; 3, C Adan (Sp) 32.15. Women: 1, E Fidatov (Rom) 19:50; 2, Z Quasz (Mor) 20:00; 3, C Loker (Ger) 20.06.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York 107 Phoenix 88, Chicago 116 Golden State 94.

Eastern Conference

Atlantic division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	35	8	.814	—
New York	27	14	.659	7
Boston	16	26	.381	18½
New Jersey	16	28	.364	20
Miami	14	27	.341	20
Philadelphia	12	30	.286	22½
Washington	11	28	.282	22

Central division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	26	15	.634	—
Charlotte	26	16	.619	½
Indiana	24	17	.585	2
Chicago	21	21	.500	5½
Atlanta	18	24	.429	8½
Milwaukee	16	26	.381	10½
Detroit	13	26	.333	12

Western Conference

Midwest division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	32	10	.762	—
San Antonio	25	14	.641	5½
Houston	25	15	.625	6
Denver	19	22	.463	12½
Dallas	16	24	.400	15
Minnesota	10	31	.244	21½

Pacific division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	33	9	.786	—
Seattle	28	11	.718	3½
LA Lakers	28	13	.683	5½
Sacramento	24	17	.585	9½
Portland	22	18	.550	10
Golden State	12	27	.308	18½
LA Clippers	7	36	.163	26½

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester 73 (Johnson 23) Leicester 71 (Roper 19, Treyvaud 17); Doncaster 94 (Bale 26, Fite 21) Hemel 74 (Koochof 18).

BIATHLON

LES SAISIES: France: British championships: Men (20km): 1, M Gee (2nd R Tank Reg, Southend) 1hr 10min 39.6sec; 2, M Dixon (3/5 R Engl) 1:12:17.4; 3, M McAlpine (1st Highland, Aviemore) 1:15.48.4. Women (12km): 1, J Farmer (Inverness SC) 1:00:49.3; 2, P Doran (Army Ladies, Aldershot) 1:17.55.6; 3, N George (Army Ladies, Edinburgh) 1:20:07.8. Junior (15km): 1, T Leech (1st Highlander, Aviemore) 51:35.3; 2, M Pook (2nd R Tank Reg, East Anglia) 52:58.4; 3, D Kelly (4/5 Mariné C, Arbroath) 56:35.0.

BOBSLEIGH

ST MORITZ: World Cup: Men: 1, Switzerland I (R Goetschi and G Acklin) 2min 9.78sec; 2, Germany I (D Wiese and C Bertsch) 2:10.12; 3 Canada II (C Lori and S Sapbeta) 2:10.17; 12, Great Britain I (M Tout and L Paul); 16, Great Britain II (S Olsson and C Symonds). Women 1, Germany (H Storche and S Harms) 2.01.01; 2, Great Britain (M Coy and A Blown) 2.01.54; 3, Switzerland (C Bushmann and S Syz) 2.01.56.

BOWLS

EGHAM TROPHY (mixed inter-club championship): Zone finals: Cumbria 79 Darlington 63; Boston 77 South Forest 69; Cambridge Chesterton 86 Kingsthorpe 61; Beccles 108 Pinewood Park 54; Essex County 80 Tilbury 53; Cheshunt 81 Century 61; Herts 94 Westminster 83; Avon Valley 79 Bentham 71; Cambridge Park 72 Croydon 63; Egham 90 Camberley 70; Oyster 87 Royal Tunbridge Wells 72; Preston 88 Wealden 77; Dorchester 90 Solent 83; Donyatt 86 Northaven 69; Plymouth Civil Service 75 Teignbridge 64.

BOXING

SAPPORO: World Boxing Association flyweight championship (12rnds): Yuri Arbachakov (Russ, holder) bt Oscar Arciniega (Mex), pts.

CRICKET

DUNEDIN: Tour match (second day of three): West Indians 450-9 dec (J R Murray 141 not out, A C Cummins 107, J C Adams 59); Otago 173-5.

RED STRIPE CUP (third day of four): Anguilla: Barbados 258 and 444 (D Haynes 97, V Drakes 180 not out); Leeward Islands 222 (V Drakes 4-65) and 46-2. St Lucia: Jamaica 342 and 17-2. Windward Islands 141 (N Perry 4-29) and 217 (R Haynes 5-82). Jamaica won by eight wickets. Georgetown: Trinidad and Tobago 360 (P Simmons 74, D Williams 58, M Bodoe 53; R Harper 4-94); Guyana 171 (N McKenzie 67, A Gray 4-40) and 203-3 (P Persaud 85, S Dhanram 81 not out).

CASTLE CUP (final day of four): Johannesburg: Transvaal 378 (M Rushmere 134, A Pollock 74, C Grainger 54; A Dawson 6-86) and 223-5 (J Cook 55 not out); Western Province 442 (G Kirsten 150, B McMillan 91, J Kallis 52, A Dawson 52; C Eksteen 5-125). Match drawn. Paarl: Orange Free State 403-7 dec (L Wilkinson 101, M Arthur 61, W Cronje 70, K Venter 52 not out; H Williams 4-93); Boland 227 (K Jackson 82; A Donald 4-46) and 208-5 (K Curran 83 not out, K Jackson 58). Match drawn. East London: Eastern Province 281 (D Callaghan 111, D Richardson 105) and 204-4 dec (K Wessels 69; Border 182 (A Hudson 6-58) and 207-8 (F Cronje 70; A Hudson 4-66). Match drawn.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD (final day of four): Sydney: Victoria 355 (M Elliot 89, P Reiffel 55, B McNamara 5-72) and 289-2 dec (D Jones 154 not out, Brad Hodge 87 not out); New South Wales 250 (G Matthews 69, retired hurt) and 190. Victoria won by 204 runs. Hobart: South Australia 352 and 284-5 dec (J Brayshaw 100 not out); Tasmania 354-6 dec and 137-4. Match drawn.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
*Victoria	5	4	0	2	23.1
*W Australia	7	3	1	3	21.7
S Australia	6	3	2	1	20
Queensland	6	2	2	2	20
NS Wales	7	2	0	5	14
Tasmania	8	1	4	3	10

*Victoria and Western Australia won both fixed fractions of points for slow over-rates.

GUYANA: Under-19 International (third day of four): West Indies Youth 277 and 142-3; England Under-19 267 (A McSkith 133; Ring 7-83).

CYCLING

ESCHENBACH, Switzerland: Cyclo-Cross world championships (11m): 1, D Runkel (Switz) 57min 44sec; 2, R Groenendaal (Holl) at 37sec; 3, B Wabel (Switz) at 57.

COPENHAGEN: Six-day race: 1, J Veggerby (Den) and R Sorensen (Den) 105pts; 2, J Madsen (Den) and D Clark (Aus) 133, 1lap behind; 3, E de Wilde (Bel) and U Freuler (Switz) 73, 2 laps.

FENCING

HENDON: British épée championships: Men: O Bernizan (unattached). Women: K Houston (NPAGB).

HAMMERSMITH: Corble Cup (Sabre): J Schleicher (Austria).

FOOTBALL

AFRA SENIOR CUP: Third round: Carshalton 2 Civil Service 5 (last); Cusco 0 Isleworthians 0. All other ties postponed.

SCHOOL MATCHES: FA Premier League Trophy: Under-16: Middlesex 2 Inner London 1. English Schools Trophy: Under-16: Mayflower HS, Essex 3 Goffs, Hertfordshire 2.

GOLF

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: Phoenix Open: Final scores (US unless stated): 269: V Singh (Fiji) 70, 67, 66, 66 (won at first extra hole); B Mayfair 69, 67, 67, 66: 271: S Crenshaw 68, 64, 70, 69. 272: P Stewart 71, 66, 67, 68; B Lietzke 72, 65, 69, 66; S Jones 66, 69, 66, 67. 273: N Ozaki (Japan) 68, 71, 67, 67; H Irwin 66, 66, 72, 69; M Calcavecchia 72, 67, 66, 68; S Lowery 70, 66, 65, 70; J Adams 71, 66, 66, 70. Other scores: 277: S Elkington (Aus) 68, 71, 68, 70. 278: G Watts (NZ) 69, 71, 71, 67. 279: D Faherty (GB) 73, 66, 69, 71. N Faldo (GB) 71, 69, 76, 67.

HOCKEY

SAN DIEGO: Women's International: United States 2 Great Britain 0.

DERBYSHIRE: HA Youth Cup: Under-16: Trent 3 Repton 2. Under-18: Repton 4 Trent 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Pittsburgh 4 Washington 1; Montreal 2 Philadelphia 2; Chicago 8 Los Angeles 3.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 4 Nottingham 10; Bracknell 2 Durham 4; Cardiff 9 Peterborough 0; Edinburgh 12 Milton Keynes 5; Sheffield 10 Fife 1; Whitley 9 Humberside 5. First division: Guildford 4 Slough 2; Lea Valley 3 Telford 7; Medway 7 Trafford 4; Paisley 8 Swindon 7; Solihull 9 Blackburn 3.

LACROSSE

SHEPHERD'S FRIENDLY LEAGUE: North: First division: Heaton Mersey 12 Sale 6; Stockport 17 Old Waconians 4.

RACKETS

HAILEYBURY: Henderson professional championship: Quarter-finals: N Smith bt D Johnson 15-1, 15-9, 15-0; N Capps bt P Ellis 15-8, 15-4, 15-3; D Markey bt R Walsby 15-8, 18-13, 17-15; P Brake bt T Sawrey-Cookson 15-6, 15-8, 15-6. Semi-finals: Smith bt Capps 15-5, 15-8, 15-4; Brake bt Markey 15-2, 15-12, 15-6. Final: Brake bt Smith 15-12, 15-6, 11-15, 12-15, 15-8.

REAL TENNIS

LEAMINGTON: P&O handicap championship: Quarter-finals: G Heap bt J Male 5-2; A Hamilton bt G Hayward 5-4; M Beard bt G Broom 5-3; P Cogan bt P Brodie 5-0.

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PILKINGTON SHIELD: Quarter-finals: North: Rushden and Higham v Wallasey or Queens (playing Feb 18); Wibsey or Huddersfield YMCA (playing Feb 11) v North Shields. South: Ilford Wanderers v St Albans; Tredworth v Kingsbridge.

Matches to be played on February 25

SKIING

FLAINE: British girls invitation race: 1, C Alcott (Surbiton HS) 1min 6.80sec; 2, E Tormey (SW HS) 1:08.08; 3, S Shute (Dragon SC) 1:08.23; 4, E Hunt (Snow Club) 1:08.27; 5, E Parker (Bedgt School) 1:09.10; 6, L Westmacott (St George's School) 1:09.36.

SNOOKER

NEWPORT: Welsh Open: Final: S Davis bt J Higgins 9-3. Frame scores (Davis first): 82-10, 0-89, 96-70, 79-29, 71-8, 95-0, 32-85, 85-17, 66-58, 66-7, 62-30, 65-40.

TENNIS

AUCKLAND: Women's tournament: First round: Feng Li (China) bt N Feber (Bel) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; L Richterova (Cz) bt A Fusai (Fr) 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

YACHTING

AMERICA'S CUP: Louis Vuitton Cup challenger trials. Round two: First races: 1, Nippon 94 (M Nambe, Japan) bt Rioja d'Espana (P Campos, SP) 1min 48 secs. Team New Zealand (R Coutts) bt Sydney 95 (S Fischer, Aus) 1:56; oneAustralia (J Bertrand) bt TAG Heuer Challenge (C Dickson, NZ) 1:07. Overall: 1, Team New Zealand 8 pts; 2, Nippon 94 6; 3 equal, oneAustralia, TAG Heuer Challenge 5; 5, Sydney 95 2; 6, France II (M Pajot) 1. Citizen Cup defence trials: Second round: First race: America³ (L Egnot) bt Young America (K Mahaney) 14secs.

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DERBY RUNNERS

Saturday February 4
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Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FA PREMIERSHIP

1 Coventry v Chelsea 2
2 Everton v Norwich 1
3 Ipswich v C Palace 2
4 Leicester v West Ham 1
5 Man Utd v Aston Villa 1
6 Nott'm F v Liverpool 2
7 QPR v Newcastle 2
8 Shefd Wed v Arsenal X
9 South'pton v Man City 1
10 Wimbledon v Leeds 1

Not on coupons: Tottenham v Blackburn (Sunday)

FIRST DIVISION

11 Bristol C v Barnsley X
12 Burnley v Swindon 1
13 Derby v Sheff Utd 1
14 Luton v Oldham 1
15 Middlesbro v Reading 2
16 Millwall v Grimsby 1
17 Stoke v Portsmouth X
18 Sunderl'd v Port Vale 2

Not on coupons: Bolton v Wolves, Southend v Watford, Tranmere v Notts County, West Brom v Charlton (Sunday)

SECOND DIVISION

19 Birm'ham v Stockport 1
20 Bradford v Shr'sbury X
21 Brighton v Brentford 2
22 Cambridge v Crewe 2
23 Chester v Rotherham 2
24 Huddf'field v Bristol R 1
25 Hull v Cardiff X
26 Layton O v Peterboro 1
27 Oxford v Bourn'm'th 1
28 Plymouth v York X
29 Swansea v Wrexham 1
30 Wycombe v Blackp'l X

THIRD DIVISION

31 Barnet v Darlington 1
32 Doncaster v Carlisle 2
33 Fulham v Bury 1
34 Gillingham v Lincoln 2
35 Hereford v North'pton 2
36 Preston v Chesterfield X
37 Rochdale v Hartlepool 1
38 South'pte v Colch'ter 1
39 Walsall v Mansfield 1
40 Wigan v Mansfield 1

Not on coupons: Scarborough v Exeter

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

41 Bath v Kettering X
42 Dag'nam v Ald'shot X
43 Famboro v Stafford 1
44 Halifax v Woking 1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

45 Falkirk v Hearts 2
46 Hibernian v Partick 1
47 Kilm'nock v Aberd'n X
48 Motherwell v Celtic 2
49 Rangers v Dundee U 1

SCOTTISH FIRST

50 Clyde'k'k v S Johnst'n 2
51 Dundee v Dunf'mline X
52 Hamilton v St Mirren 1
53 Raith v Ayr 1
54 Stranraer v Airdrie 2

SCOTTISH SECOND

55 Berwick v Dumbarton 1
56 East Fife v Clyde 2
57 G Morton v Brechin 1
58 Mo'dbk'n v O of S'th 1

Not on coupons: Stenhousemuir v Stirling

SCOTTISH THIRD

Not on coupons: Alloa v Arbroath; Caledonian v Forfar; East Stirling v Albion; Montrose v Ross; Queen's Park v Cowdenbeath

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Sheffield Wednesday, Bristol City, Stoke, Bradford, Hull, Plymouth, Wycombe, Preston, Bath, Dagenham, Kilmarnock, Dundee.

BEST DRAWS: Bristol City, Plymouth, Wycombe, Preston, Bath.

AWAYS: Crystal Palace, Port Vale, Brentford, Rotherham, Lincoln.

HOMES: Everton, Leicester, Burnley, Millwall, Birmingham, Swansea, Fulham, Scunthorpe, Wigan, Famborough, Raith, Berwick.

FORED ODDS: Homes: Everton, Burnley, Birmingham, Wigan, Famborough. Aways: Crystal Palace, Port Vale, Lincoln. Draws: Plymouth, Preston, Bath.

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Tait decides to abandon change of national allegiance

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE national identity crisis in rugby league, which has seen five Englishmen transfer their allegiance to Wales, yesterday included the withdrawal of Alan Tait from the England side for the international in Cardiff tomorrow, on the grounds that he is a Scot.

Eight Scotland rugby union caps are a source of great pride to the Leeds full back. He felt that he would have been cheating England as well as himself, so, after much anguish, made way for Richard Gay, of Hull, one of five uncapped players.

Injuries on top of the new Welsh grandparental qualification, Great Britain's participation in the World Sevens in Australia, and the suspension of Dean Sampson, of Castleford, denied Ellery Hanley, the England coach, of a dozen players who might have figured in the opening John Smith's European championship match, against Wales at Ninian Park.

Deryck Fox, of Bradford, has had his international career resurrected after three years, with Shaun Edwards and Bobby Goulding, the first and second choice scrum halves, injured. With just one training session possible, the onus will be on Fox to "keep it simple", Hanley said.

Hanley's reference to England as "underdogs" is no longer an exaggeration. With Wigan's converted Welsh front row of Kelvin Skerrett, Martin Hall and Neil Cowie available to Clive Griffiths, the Wales coach, plus Richard Eyres, originally in the England squad, at loose forward, and another new Anglo-Welshman in Paul Atcheson at full back, Wales look altogether more formidable.

An injury to Alan Hunte means a first England cap for Ikram Butt, the in-form Featherstone wing. Richard Russell, Harvey Howard and Anthony Farrell are all newcomers in a pack that has the counter-balance of experience in the shape of Phil Clarke, the captain, Sonny Nickle and Karl Harrison.

Wales have delayed naming their team as a few niggling doubts remain after the withdrawal from the squad of Jonathan Griffiths and Scott Quinnell. Allan Bateman, however, is set to oppose Paul Newlove in the centre.

Martin Offiah, who failed a fitness test on an injured knee yesterday, has been replaced in the ten-man sevens squad by Neil Summers, of Bradford. Bradford have postponed their rearranged home match with Featherstone tomorrow because of the sudden international call-ups.

ENGLAND: R Gay (Hull), J Robinson (Wigan), G Connolly (Wigan), P Newlove (Bradford), I Butt (Featherstone); G Schofield (Leeds), D Fox (Bradford); K Harrison (Halifax), R Russell (Castleford), H Howard (Leeds), A Farrell (Sheffield), S Nickle (St Helens), P Clarke (Wigan, captain). Substitutes: M Cassidy (Wigan), D Powell (Sheffield), S McNamara (Hull), S McCurrie (Widnes).

Super Rice applies quick finish



Rice celebrates the first of his three touchdowns, the earliest in Super Bowl history, after 1min 24sec. Photograph: Ray Stubblebine

Andrew Longmore on the alliance between quarterback and wide receiver which is proving an unbeatable force

Moments before the start of Super Bowl XXIX, the quietest place in the Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami was the dressing-room of the San Francisco 49ers. George Seifert, the coach, had given his final instructions and the players were deep in that pre-game limbo of hope and fear which even the greatest teams have to endure. The silence was broken not by Seifert nor by Steve Young, the natural leader of the side, but by Jerry Rice, who has relied more on deeds than words to express his brilliance in the past. But Rice had something to say and the rarity of a speech by the greatest receiver in American football guaranteed an audience.

Rice kept the message straight and simple. "He told us," Ricky Watters said, "that we had worked all year for this, that this is the final frontier, that there is no tomorrow. He told us to go ahead and leave it all on the field." Rice has been leaving his all on the field for the past ten years. Seifert said that what marks him out from the rest is his intensity, an oft-used word in American sport but utterly right for Rice, whose ability to play with the same competitive instinct in a pre-season game as in the Super Bowl has made him one of the greatest offensive players in National Football League (NFL) history.

Rice, in harmony with Young, took no time to underline his statement of intent. For all but diehard Chargers followers, the first of the 49ers' seven touchdowns — the numbing preface to a 49-26 rout — had a predictable and hypnotic beauty. One minute and 24 seconds into the game, the snap, Young skips back his customary three paces, Rice fakes to go outside Stanley Richards, the free safety, veers back in and meets the inevitable 44-yard pass without changing stride to score a record-breaking fifth touchdown in the Super Bowl; 7-0 49ers. Game over before the smoke of the fireworks had cleared.

In the face of such superior geometry, all the bravery of the Chargers, all the talk of comebacks, character and strength meant nothing. Leslie O'Neal, the Chargers' defensive end, summed up the difference. "You saw a team that prepared since February to win this game and you saw a team that tried to win as many games as they could and have a decent season."

At the end, in the midst of all the hoopla as the 49ers played out time for their record fifth Super Bowl title and the spectators drifted away, the longest of all the many embraces on the sideline was between Rice and Young; between the bricklayer's son from Starkville, Mississippi, and the great-great-great grandson of Brigham Young, the founder of the Mormon University in Provo, Utah.

"He's a bad man," Young shouted to a camera lens. "He's bad, but the best." Rice flashed a smile as rare as one of Young's misplaced passes, a smile which said that, for once, the ultimate perfectionist was happy with his lot. "Before those final seconds ticked off we just kept hugging each other and I told him 'Hey man, I love you. You deserve this.' This victory was special because I wanted to do it for Steve."

In the aura surrounding Young and his six touchdown passes, which eclipsed with fitting clarity the five of his nemesis, Joe Montana, five years before, it was easy to be blind to Rice, much as Rice himself feels he has been underrated for most of the past ten years.

The danger, elegantly portrayed in his three touchdowns on Sunday night, is that Rice makes catching a swirling football and running through the defence into the end zone look a deceptively simple act. It is the combination of fluid speed, "a speed you can't clock", as Young says, and soft hands, the result of catching bricks for eight hours a day when working with his father, which makes Rice different. Troy Aikman, the Dallas quarterback, recalled overthrowing a head-high pass to Rice in the 1992 Pro Bowl. "It wasn't so much that he just reached up and caught it, but that he did not even flinch."

Both qualities proved too much for the Chargers, who had the compensation, at least, of providing the solo highlight of the game with a 98-yard kick-off return by Andre Coleman, worthy of Deion Sanders, who endured a frustrating evening in the 49ers defence. To their credit, the Chargers did not give in. But once Rice had scored the first of his three touchdowns and Watters, who also scored three, had made it 14-0 within five minutes, avoiding embarrassment became the prime ambition.

Today, Rice will be back home with his two children, doubtless thinking about the future. He has talked of retirement without really meaning it. Young said, only half-jokingly, that he would retire, too, if Rice did. The rest of the NFL should pray they do more than consider it because with that pair at the core, the 49ers could be even better next season.

SUPER BOWL DETAILS

Scoring by quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	(OT)	Total
San Francisco	14	14	14	7	—	49
San Diego	7	3	8	8	—	26

FIRST QUARTER: San Francisco: Rice, 56yd pass from Young (conversion by Kick). Watters, 51yd pass from Young (kick). San Diego: Means, 1yd run (kick).
SECOND QUARTER: San Francisco: Floyd, 5yd pass from Young (kick): Watters, 8yd pass from Young (kick). San Diego: Carney, 37yd field goal.
THIRD QUARTER: San Francisco: Watters, 9yd run (kick). Rice 15yd pass from Young (kick): San Diego: Coleman, 98yd kick-off return (2pt conversion — Seay, pass from Humphries).
FOURTH QUARTER: San Francisco: Rice, 7yd pass from Young (kick): San Diego: Martin, 30yd pass from Humphries (2pt conversion — Pupunu, pass from Humphries).

Super Bowl records
INDIVIDUAL: Most points: Career: 42: J Rice (San Francisco). Game (equalled): 18: Rice, R Watters (San Francisco). Most touchdown passes: Game: 6: S Young (San Francisco) Most receptions: Career: 28: Rice Most yards gained: Career: 512: Rice. Longest kick-off return (equalled): 98yds: A Coleman (San Diego) Fastest touchdown: 1min 24sec: Young (to Rice). Most touchdowns: Career: 7: Rice
TEAM: Most Super Bowl victories: 5: San Francisco Most points: Aggregate: 75 First quarter: 14: San Francisco Possessions: San Francisco became the first team to score on its first three possessions
OTHER DETAILS: San Francisco set a record for most points scored in the play-offs. In beating Chicago, Dallas and San Diego, they scored 131 points, breaking their record of 126 set five years ago

N Zealand seek consensus over player payments

BY DAVID HANDS AND MARK SOUSTER

NEW Zealand's proposals for the repeal of rugby union's amateur regulations will be subject to heated discussion when the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) meets in March, but there will be no change to the way the game is run — not yet.

Nor do New Zealand seek immediate change before there is general agreement over such a fundamental shift in philosophy.

Yet New Zealand are the first of the world's leading unions to say unequivocally that, rather than maintain an increasingly shabby status quo or tinker further with the regulations, they will vote for repeal. They are bound to carry others with them and would be prepared to work out a formula to replace the existing regulations if given the nod by the IRFB.

To a degree, they echo views expressed by Vernon Pugh, of Wales, the board chairman. "We've already made an attempt to fix a staging post which has taken us away from the principles of amateurism, to one where players can benefit financially," Pugh told Rugby World magazine this month. "We failed to do this. We must now either identify another staging post or recognise that, once the principles of amateurism have been abandoned, we may as well ensure we manage the inevitable change."

Pugh seeks a decision over the future of the game by 1996: that coincides with New Zealand hopes of a revised structure within "one to two years", according to Tim Gresson, the chairman of their amateurism committee. "Rugby is in a position where there has been such a loss of credibility that the situation seems irreversible," Gresson said yesterday.

"It's essential that we introduce regulatory measures which will enable unions to control players."

New Zealand are as concerned about the loss of players to other countries as to rugby league and perceive a situation imitating Australasian cricket with contracts for top players.

Gresson says that across-the-board professionalism is not an option; the game is not wealthy enough, a point emphasised by Freddie McLeod, Scotland's representative on the IRFB amateurism working party. "I can see the game becoming professional at international level at some time," McLeod said, "but I think our club structure would be absolutely decimated. Our top players would go to the top clubs in England and Wales."

Peter Dods, the former Scotland full back now coaching Gala, sees professionalism destroying the national team with top players under contract to English and French clubs. "Those who have signed [for English club] are safeguarding themselves, they are looking for better jobs," Dods said. "It's up to the Scottish Rugby Union to lead the way. They can provide us with money from the television contract, as the RFU does in England."

Cup draw keeps top clubs apart

BY DAVID HANDS

QUARTER-FINALS

Bath v Northampton
Exeter v Wasps
Harlequins v Wakefield
Sale v Leicester
Matches to be played on February 25

WITH a delicacy for which the Rugby Football Union (RFU) is not always renowned, Dennis Easby — its president — kept the four main contestants apart when making the draw at Twickenham yesterday for the quarter-finals of the Pilkington Cup.

Thus Bath, the holders, are at home to Northampton on February 25, while Leicester, the beaten finalists last year, must go to Sale in the second of the all first-division ties. Harlequins, perennnial cup favourites however bad their league form, entertain Wakefield, of the second division, and Wasps will go to meet Exeter, the third-division survivors.

Unlike the others, that last pairing have never met in the cup, although Exeter and Wasps are old friends. Indeed, the visit of such an attractive side, complete with England senior and A players, will go far to help the West Countrymen re-establish their season. They have little prospect of victory, but they should draw a good crowd and provide rugby enthusiasts in the area with a welcome focal point.

It is only since the turn of the year, and the return of Andy Green, their regular goalkicker, at stand-off half that Exeter have started to make progress in the league, but the cup run, with victories against North Walsham, Launceston, Rugby Lions and now Aspatria, has sustained them.

Wakefield, having disposed of one first-division opponent in Gloucester, will not be frightened by another. The hardest tie will be at Brooklands, where unpredictable Sale play Leicester. On their day, Sale are a match for most clubs. Bath have already beaten Northampton twice in the league, and will be confident of doing so again.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
Endsleigh Insurance League
Second division
Chester v Wycombe
Third division
Doncaster v Exeter
Hereford v Hartlepool
Anglo-Italian Cup
Semi-final, second leg
Stoke v Notts County (7.45)
Auto Windscreens Shield
Northern section
Quarter-final
Wigan v Crewe
Semi-final
Bury v Rochdale
Southern section
Semi-finals
Birmingham v Swansea (7.45)
Leyton Orient v Shrewsbury (7.45)
Bob Lord Trophy
Quarter-final replay
Bromsgrove v Stalybridge (7.45)
Vauxhall Conference
Runcorn v Gateshead (7.45)
Stafford v Southport (7.45)

Bell's Scottish League
Third division
East Stirling v Montrose
Tennents Scottish Cup
Third round
Clydebank v Hearts
Falkirk v Motherwell
Hamilton v Rangers
St Johnstone v Stenhousemuir
Third round replay
Greenock Morton v Kilmarnock
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Yeading v Kingstonian. First division: Worthing v Heybridge Swifts; Basingstoke v Dorking. Second division: Hampton v Hemel Hempstead, Metropolitan Police v Aveley, Saffron Walden v Banstead, Witham v Chalfont St Peter. Third division: Epsom and Ewell v Horsham, Northwood v Tring. League Cup: Fourth round: Marlow v Hitchin, St Albans v Slough.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Crawley v Trowbridge, Dorchester v Chelmsford (7.45), Rushden and Diamonds v Leek (7.45). Southern division: Baldock v Poole (7.45).
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Caersws v Conwy; Porthmadog v Connah's Quay.
HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Cup: Third round: St Ives v Kempston
ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Quarter-final replay: Wrexham v Bangor City.
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Rovers v Maine Road; Burscough v Holker Old Boys, Skelmersdale v Bradford Park Avenue.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Tiverton
INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Barwell v Bolehall Swifts, Boldmere St M v Sandwell Boro, Shepshed v Hinckley Athletic.
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Horndean v Eastleigh. Cup: Quarter-final: Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Portsmouth RN.
WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division cup: Third round: Whitstable v Ramsgate, Cornthan v Folkestone Invicta (7.45).
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Kettering v Corby (7.45)
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Queens Park Rangers v Wimbledon (at Harrow Borough, 7.0), West Ham v Southampton (7.0). Postponed: Watford v Oxford United
PONTINS LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Liverpool v West Bromwich Albion, Rotherham United v Coventry City. Second division: Grimsby v Preston; Newcastle United v Hull (at Gateshead FC), Oldham v Leicester
FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Manchester United v Arsenal, Dulwich Hamlet v Bristol City
CAWOODS COUNTY ANTRIM SHIELD: Final: Glenavon v Linfield (at Oval, Belfast)
SCHOOLS MATCHES: FA Premier League Trophy: Under-19: Leicestershire v Lincolnshire (at Holmes Park, 1.30). English Schools Snickers Trophy: Under-16: John Kyrle, Herefordshire v Ysgol Glanrhe, Cardiff (2.0)

RUGBY UNION
Club matches
Northampton v Loughborough Students (7.30)
Cancelled: Cross Keys v Blaina

RUGBY LEAGUE
UB Sports Under-19 International
Great Britain Academy v France Academy (at Boulevard, Hull, 7.30)
Silk Cut Challenge Cup
Third round
Dewsbury v Kells (8.0)
Stones Bitter Championship
First division
Bradford v Featherstone P
Doncaster v St Helens (7.30)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

BOOBYALLA
(b) The native name in Australia for the Australian wattle. Also, any of various shrubs or trees of the genus *Myoporum*, having clusters of small white flowers. The native name.

ECORCHE
(a) A subject so treated as to expose the muscular system, the French past participle of écorcher, to flay. "It is not uncommon to represent the écorché in action, in the form of the Fighting Gladiator."

FANGO
(a) A kind of mud obtained from the thermal springs at Battaglia in the Veneto in Italy, used in the treatment of gout, rheumatism, and other ailments. From the Italian word for mud or dirt. "The annual visits of several patients to Italy for the sole purpose of taking a course of fango-packs."

GENRO
(a) The elder statesmen of Japan, a former body of retired statesmen who were at times informally consulted by the emperor. Also, a member of this body. Japanese for the principal elders. "The second of the governing bodies of the state is the Genro-In [house of seniors], or senate."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. Rh7+! Kxh7; 2. Qh1+ Kg8; 3. Qh6 (threatening Qxg6+) 3. . . . Nce5; 4. Rh1. Now the threats on the h-file are unstoppable and Black could give only a few harmless checks: 4. . . . Nxf3+; 5. Kd1 Nxb2+; 6. Kc1 Nd3+; 7. Kb1 and White wins.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) °C	Last snow
AUSTRIA							
Obergurgl	55	130	good powder	good	snow	-1	30/1
(Excellent skiing on all pistes; powder available)							
Schladming	50	110	good varied	fair	cloud	4	29/1
(Good skiing at higher levels, heavier lower down)							
Söll	45	80	good	heavy	fair	cloud	6	29/1
(Good skiing but variable conditions, some rain low down)							
St Anton	90	400	good powder	good	snow	1	30/1
(Good soft snow skiing on open pistes, avalanche risk)							
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	150	300	good powder	good	snow	-2	30/1
(Excellent powder skiing, snow falling again)							
Chamonix	80	540	powder	powder	heavy	snow	3	30/1
(Skiing still restricted by avalanche danger)							
Val d'Isère	170	340	good powder	good	snow	0	30/1
(Another foot of snow and more falling)							
Val Thorens	200	270	good powder	good	snow	-3	30/1
(Excellent skiing on piste; off-piste still dangerous)							
SWITZERLAND							
Mürren	95	170	good powder	good	snow	0	30/1
(Excellent skiing on and off piste)							
Verbier	45	230	good	heavy	good	snow	0	30/1
(Poor visibility with snowfalls, outlook good)							
Villars	75	240	good	heavy	good	cloud	3	30/1
(Piste runs very good, a few worn patches on home runs)							

Source, Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial

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LEGAL NOTICES

AIRBORNE GROUP PLC (Registered No.01883068) Nature of Business: Holding Company. Trade Classification: 9500 Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 6 November 1994. Name of Person Appointing the Administrative Receivers: Lloyds Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Andrew Philip Peters and Joseph Beaumont Atkinson of Ernst & Young, Holder Nos. 4466 and 10601 of Touche Ross and Co, Colmore Gate, 2 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2BN.

DAVID EVERS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at 245 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4PB on 6 February 1996 at 10.30 hours for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Mrs J.B. Stephenson of Neville Russell, 246 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4PB, is qualified to act as Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company and will furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as is reasonably required.
Dated: 31st January 1995
By Order of the Board.
D H Evers
Director.

THE BECKENHAM GROUP PLC
FEMWORK VENTILATION LIMITED
J GARDNER & CO LIMITED
GREENCLIFF LIMITED
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE-NAMED COMPANIES.
A meeting of the creditors of the above companies is to be held on 14 February 1996 at Bridge Gate, 56/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 1RX at 10.00 am under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the receivers and if the creditors wish to do so, to appoint a committee of creditors.
Creditors who have not received notice of the meeting and wish to attend should contact the receivers' office (telephone number 01-737-766-3000 and ask for Mr D Bygrave.
Any creditors requiring a copy of the report (which is available free of charge) should write to Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 56/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 1RX.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
M D Grecke
Joint Administrative Re. the above companies
30 January 1995.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No. 007518 of 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION
Mr Registrar Buckley
11th January 1995
IN THE MATTER of BRUNTCLIFFE AGGREGATES PLC
- AND -
IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 11th January 1995 confirming the reduction of the share capital of the above-named Company from £7,830,000 to £7,800,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 20th January 1995.
Dated this 31st day of January 1995
MISCHON DE REYA
21 Southampton Row
London WC1B 5HS
Solicitors for the above-named Company
Ref: 19/P86/AD/1258.2

MUSEUM INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY *LIQUIDATION*). COMPANY NUMBER: 2169167
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Liquidator of the above company intends to make a distribution to the creditors. Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims and their names and addresses to the Liquidator, Roger Smith, KPMG Peat Marwick, PO Box 750, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before Friday 3 March 1995 when they will be last day for proving claims. Notice is also given that the Liquidator proposes to make final distributions and that such distributions will be made without regard to any claims not made by the date *mentioned*.
Note: the company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Dated: 23 January 1995
R Smith - Liquidator.

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
ACCLAIM PRESENTATIONS LIMITED
IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY *LIQUIDATION*
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Frames, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Ian Frames Associates, Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on the 26th January 1995.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr Ian Frames at Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP.
I. Frames - Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 IN THE HIGH COURT NO 5761 OF 1994
LEONARD JOHN HOLT (IN BANKRUPTCY) 1, HALLS GREEN FARM, EPPING ROAD, ROYDON, HARLOW, ESSEX, CM19 5DD, OCCUPATION: COMPANY DIRECTOR I, Peter Flesher of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, 22 Melton Street, Euston Square, NW1 2EP hereby give notice that I have been duly appointed and certified by the Department of Trade as Trustee of the estate of the above named bankrupt. All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the bankrupt must deliver the same to me and all debts due to the bankrupt must be paid to me. Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their proofs of debt to me.
DATED 25TH DAY OF JANUARY 1995 P Flesher, Trustee.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
TOWER HILL SERVICES LIMITED
- In creditors' Voluntary Liquidation -
WE HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that we Jacqueline Barbara Stephenson and Raymond Thomas Turner, Licensed Insolvency Practitioners, of Neville Russell, 246 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4PB, were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company on 22 December 1994. All debts and claims should be sent to us at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debt in writing to us. No further public advertisement or invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated: 19 January 1995
J B Stephenson and R T Turner
Joint Liquidators.

BECKENHAM DUCTWORK LIMITED
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
A meeting of the creditors of Beckenham Ductwork Limited is to be held on 14 February 1996 at Bridge Gate, 56/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 1RX at 10.30 am under the provisions of the receivers and if the creditors wish to do so, to appoint a committee of creditors.
Creditors who have not received notice of the meeting and wish to attend should contact the receivers' office (telephone number 01-737-766-3000) and ask for Mr D Bygrave.
Any creditors requiring a copy of the report (which is available free of charge) should write to Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 56/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 1RX.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting
M D Grecke
Joint Administrative Receiver
30 January 1995.

AIR TECHNOLOGY AND ACOUSTICS LIMITED
DISPLACEMENT AIR SYSTEMS LIMITED
INDUCTION AIR SYSTEMS LIMITED
MAHILL HOLDINGS LIMITED
MAHILL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES LIMITED
MAHILL ERECTION LIMITED
MAHILL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE-NAMED COMPANIES.
A meeting of the creditors of the above companies is to be held on 14 February 1996 at Cornwall Court, 19 Cornwall Street, Birmingham, B3 2DT at 3.00 pm under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the receivers and if the creditors wish to do so, to appoint a committee of creditors.
Any creditors requiring a copy of the report (which is available free of charge) should write to Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 56/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
M D Grecke
Joint Administrative Receiver
30 January 1995

GARDNER THERMAL ENGINEERS LIMITED
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
A meeting of the creditors of Gardner Thermal Engineers Limited is to be held on 14 February 1995 at Room 5, Ground Floor, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL at 2.30 pm under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the receivers and if the creditors wish to do so, to appoint a committee of creditors.
Creditors who have not received notice of the meeting and wish to attend should contact the receivers' office (telephone number 01-737-766-3000 and ask for Mr D Bygrave.
Any creditors requiring a copy of the report (which is available free of charge) should write to Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 56/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 1RX.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting
M D Grecke
Joint Administrative Receiver
30 January 1995.

DANCEADMIRE LIMITED (FORMERLY FIRE PROTECTION LIMITED)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
A meeting of the creditors of Danceadmire Limited (formerly Fire Protection Limited) is to be held on 14 February 1995 at Room 5, Ground Floor, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL at 3.00 pm under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the receivers and if the creditors wish to do so, to appoint a committee of creditors.
Any creditors requiring a copy of the report (which is available free of charge) should write to Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 56/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
M D Grecke
Joint Administrative Receiver
30 January 1995

No. 008168 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF MY KINDA TOWN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 22nd December 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the share premium account of the above-named Company in the sum of £1,639,000.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 15th day of February 1995.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of share premium account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 19 day of January 1995
Messrs Coudens
22 Tudor Street
London EC4Y 0JJ
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

Surprise twist unfolds as Australians fall foul of complacency

DeFreitas cuts a dash in tale of the unexpected



JOHN WOODCOCK
At the Adelaide Test

What a game! What a result! What a performance! What a windfall! Of the 400 Test matches that I have reported, very few have produced a surprise to compare with that here yesterday. When the last day's play began in the fourth Test match, an Australia victory was much the likeliest result.

But complacency is a dangerous condition, and the Australians may have taken rather too much for granted. To add to this, John Crawley and Phillip DeFreitas, both not out overnight, soon encouraged England to believe that the match could at least be saved. As in Sydney at the start of this month, Crawley showed that he has a Test-match temperament to go with his talent. His 72 there and 71 here were as unruffled as they were timely.

As for DeFreitas, the 68 which he made in 57 balls yesterday morning were of such extraordinary brilliance that, by the time he was out, England were scenting blood. Although DeFreitas's talent has never been in doubt, his commitment has. But he now unleashed a succession of cleanly-hit, precisely-placed and classically-executed strokes that Vivian Richards, at his best, would have been delighted to play.

For all this, the 263 that Australia needed to win on what was still a good pitch was well within their range. With so much one-day cricket being played, they get a lot of practice at chasing comparable targets; they run enterprisingly between the wickets, and have a side full of stroke-makers. It was necessary only to recall how England went to pieces in the field on Saturday evening, when Greg Blewett and Ian Healy were adding 160 at a run a ball, to see the same thing happening now. Instead, we saw again the incomparable way that cricket has of speaking up for itself.

Very soon, with the scorers struggling to keep up with events, Australia were 23 for four, and on the run. When Mark Waugh was caught from a ricochet off Mike Gatting's boot at short leg, it seemed that the gods had settled on an England victory. So they had, but how they kept us on tenterhooks.

I was in Melbourne on the last day of February 1951 when England won their first victory over Australia since before the Second World War, and great was the relief.

I positively shook with anxiety as Neil Harvey and Bill Johnston whittled down the 78 runs that Australia needed to win the second Test of 1954 in Sydney, knowing that defeat would put England out of the series: and I watched in amazement when England, having won that match, took the last seven Australia wickets for 34 runs in the next Test in Melbourne after seeming certain to lose it.

But in those days, England had Frank Tyson and Brian Statham to apply the *coup de grâce*. If they failed, there was always Bob Appleyard with his deceptive flight. Today, too, Nos 9, 10 and jack are usually better defenders than they were then. They work hard at the nets, perfecting the confounded forward prop.

By 1982-83, this was obvious. That was the year when, in Melbourne, Jeff Thomson joined Allan Border for the last wicket with Australia still needing 74 runs to win. With no great difficulty, Thomson hung on (much as Damien Fleming did yesterday) until he was caught at slip off Ian Botham with Australia only four runs short. But for sheer unexpectedness, none of these victories comes into the category of England's yesterday, with their pilloried and patched-up side. At some time or other, they all made a contribution, including the two old fellows, as Michael Atherton, I am sure, would acknowledge. But that those who did most yesterday (DeFreitas, Devon Malcolm and Chris Lewis) were born in Dominica, Jamaica and Guyana, respectively, is unlikely to have escaped the attention of our hosts.

When Australia ended a long and barren period by winning the last Test, at Sydney in 1987, in almost as tight a finish, I presumed to tell Gatting, the England captain, that it was a good result for cricket, his side having already won the Ashes and Australia's need at the time being much greater than England's. Not surprisingly, Gatting disagreed, saying that Australia were there to be beaten, not comforted.

Since that day, Australia have played 22 Tests against England, of which they have won 13 and drawn seven. Yesterday's was only the second that they have lost. It is no good our thinking that this England victory is likely, in the same way, to herald a rich harvest. But it is no less welcome for that. The Australians were in danger of getting just a little bit too big for their boots — their press as well as their players.



GRAHAM MORRIS

DeFreitas completes a run to add to McDermott's torment as the England comeback gains momentum yesterday

Knight takes aggressive path

ENGLAND A need a further 174 runs in Calcutta today to emulate the victory of their seniors in Adelaide. They ended the fourth day of the second international match on 80 for two, having left themselves a target of 254 by dismissing India A for 353.

The loss of Jason Gallian, who was stumped for 37 just before the close, was a big blow, but Min Patel, the nightwatchman, hung on, although he was dropped by Yadav, the wicketkeeper, off the penultimate ball of an exciting day.

Gallian had put on 73 with Nick Knight in a positive partnership after the departure in the second over of Michael Vaughan, who has made only 19 runs in four innings in the international.

Knight, who is 39 not out, twice drove Chatterjee, the left-arm spinner, for six and much will depend on him and Alan Wells, the captain, when England resume the pursuit of a victory that will also give them a 2-0 winning margin in the series.

Dominic Cork and Ian Salisbury proved the key bowlers as the A team stuck doggedly to their task. Cork produced a two-wicket burst in the morning with the second new ball before Amre, the India captain, and Ganguly, the dashing left-hander, began to take the game away from England A.

Their partnership had reached 61 when Salisbury revived his own fortunes and those of his team with two wickets in nine balls. With the score at 300, Ganguly was fifth out, bowled for 25 while trying to force off the back foot, and Amre (43) miscued a drive to short mid-wicket.

SCOREBOARD FROM CALCUTTA

INDIA A: First Innings: 216.

Second Innings

J Singh c Cork b Stemp	13
V S Rathore c Nixon b Cork	127
A A Mazumdar c Knight b Patel	23
R Dravid c Nixon b Cork	52
*P K Amre c Wells b Salisbury	43
S C Ganguly b Salisbury	25
S V Bahutule run out	15
†V S Yadav c Knight b Patel	4
U Chatterjee c Nixon b Stemp	10
R K Chauhan low b Cork	11
P L K Mhambrey not out	11
Extras (b 11, lb 5, nb 3)	19
Total	353

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-103, 3-222, 4-239, 5-300, 6-301, 7-319, 8-328, 9-331.

BOWLING: Cork 19.3-1-53-3; Chapple 21.5-4-47-0; Stemp 42-12-104-2; Salisbury 14-0-57-2, Patel 33-7-78-2.

ENGLAND A: First Innings: 316 (A P Wells 93, J E R Gallian 77; P L K Mhambrey 4-63).

Second Innings

N V Knight not out	39
M P Vaughan lbw Ganguly	1
J E R Gallian st Yadav b Chauhan	37
M M Patel not out	0
Extras (lb 1, nb 2)	3
Total (2 wkts)	80

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-77.

BOWLING: Mhambrey 5-0-21-0, Ganguly 7-0-13-1, Chatterjee 5-0-21-0, Chauhan 8-3-Bahutule 5-1-7-0.

Herbert joins Benetton in Formula One's fast lane



Oliver Holt reports from Treviso, Italy, on a British driver's belated breakthrough to the grand prix elite

Vineyards stretched away to the left, but the taxi driver kept his eyes to the right, gesturing at the complex of buildings that dominates the small town of Ponzano. "Benetton, Benetton, Benetton," he said, laughing happily at their hegemony.

High above the Villa Minelli, the headquarters of Benetton's fashion empire, Michael Schumacher stood in the basket of a hot air balloon, waving at the photographers ranged below him. In Benetton country, be it in rural Italy, Oxfordshire or the motor racing circuits of the world, he is lord of all he surveys.

Yesterday, though, as the team unveiled the car that it hopes will propel Schumacher, 26, to his second successive world championship, the young German took the stage with a new teammate, a potential enemy within, Johnny Herbert, so long the pretender to greatness, has got his chance at last.

Herbert was confirmed as Benetton's second driver for the 1995 season at a lavish ceremony here yesterday. He drove for the team that dismissed him in 1989 for the last two races of last season, too, but it only recently became apparent that he had secured the job on a permanent basis in place of the accident-prone Jos Verstappen, of Holland, who reverts to test driver.

Herbert has driven in 63 grands prix and has never finished in the top three, but, for each of the four years he was fit to compete for a full Formula One season, he was imprisoned in the uncompetitive Lotus team, while, all around, rivals coveted him. Only when Lotus fell into the hands of administrative receivers, late last year, was he freed.

Presuming that Schumacher does not obliterate him as he did his other team-mates last year, Herbert will have truly passed from rags to riches. By common consent, the Benetton team provided its drivers with the season's best car last year, and now it has discarded Ford and added the might of the Renault engine to an already formidable package.

Herbert's addition will also swell the ranks of Britons driving for the top teams. He, David Coulthard and Damon Hill may all be genuine championship contenders, and Nigel Mansell, at McLaren, Eddie Irvine, at Jordan, and Martin Brundle, at Ligier, will realistically hope to win races.

"It is a big chance for me," Herbert said, "the best chance I have had since I got fully fit again. Everyone has always said that I could do it if I had the car and the equipment, so now I have to prove it. The situation is not the same as it was at the end of last season, when I had to play a supporting role to Michael. I will be going out there to beat him this time. There is no reason why I can't. Michael is human and I have worked on my fitness this winter like never before.

> 'I want to win races and get good points early on'

"There will be no team orders to begin with, and I don't think I will get second-class treatment just because Michael has been here for several years. It would be easy to be intimidated by him, but it can work both ways. I want to win races and get good points early on and then the pressure will fall on him."

Herbert finished fourth on his grand prix debut for Benetton, in Brazil in 1989, but the team "rested" him later in the season because he had not fully recovered from serious injuries sustained in a Formula 3000 race at Brands Hatch the year before.

Schumacher, of course, was the centre of attention, fêted by journalists from all over Europe. He is the linchpin of the team, and, if the engine lives up to expectations, he will be the favourite to hold off the challenges of Damon Hill and David Coulthard, at Williams.

He was relaxed, too, about the threat posed by Herbert. "I have never minded a team-mate who pushes me hard," he said. "Both Nelson Piquet and Brundle have done it and there was never any problem. When they left the team, we always parted friends.

"It will be the same with Johnny. I would not expect him to do anything other than try to win every race. As long as he does not try to get political with the team, everything will be OK. It would not be wise for him to do that because I have been here a bit longer than him."



Herbert, centre, takes his bow at Benetton with Schumacher, in cockpit, and Verstappen

'Michael' Schumacher
12 reasons why he wins
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Men's Health MAGAZINE

Mansell close to £10m McLaren deal

BARRING last-minute hitches, the final name in the Formula One jigsaw will be fitted into place tomorrow when McLaren announces in London that Nigel Mansell will partner Mika Hakkinen in the coming season (Oliver Holt writes). Mansell has been linked with the team, which is based in Woking, Surrey, since Williams rejected him as a partner for Damon Hill and chose David Coulthard.

Bernie Ecclestone, the Formula One impresario, has been an enthusiastic supporter of Mansell's return from IndyCar racing and engineered four "guest appearances" last season, culminating in the 31st grand prix win of his career in the final race, in Australia.

The last obstacle to Mansell's recruitment seemed to have been removed last week when Martin Brundle, his only remaining rival for the seat, left McLaren to join Ligier. Mansell will be welcomed back by an army of supporters who admire him because of his aggressive and exciting style. Mansell, 41, has little prospect of winning a second world championship this season, though: McLaren is in the first year of a new high-profile partnership with Mercedes. But his experience will be invaluable and his presence is bound to swell crowds.

It is likely that Mansell will be given a one-year contract worth about £10 million, the majority of which has been provided by Marlboro, the McLaren sponsors. It is anticipated that Michael Schumacher, of Benetton, will join the team in 1996, but, if he does not, Mansell may continue for another year.

Quest for the real West

Way Down South. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

Hank Wangford is a musician, gynaecologist and Arsenal supporter. His musical appetite is satisfied when he visits Argentina because this is where the tango was born, and he listens to one of its leading exponents. Arsenal do not happen to be playing in Buenos Aires at the time of his visit, so he has to settle for River Plate versus the Argentinos. He did not talk to anybody about gynaecology. However, the main reason he went to South America was to find out about real cowboys, not the Hollywood sort. He does not get far with this line of inquiry in the first programme of the series. The nearest he gets to cows is the restaurant where he learns that, in Argentina, every part of the beast is eaten, including the penis.

An Audience with Gwen Catley. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

The coloratura soprano, who will be 85 in a week's time, talks to Michael Bevis. So, in that sense, it is an audience of one. The reality is that if you were lucky enough to hear Catley at the height of her fame in the 1940s and 1950s you will be just one of a huge audience who will not want to miss the chance to tune in tonight. Her top notes were the stuff of legends. Her voice could shatter glass but, come to that, so could other sopranos and tenors. And, in any case, although those top notes could thrill, there was much more to Gwen Catley than that. Listen to her "Caro nome" from *Rigoletto* tonight, and you will see what I mean.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo: featuring Jon Secada in session 12.00 Lisa L'Anson, incl at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat, and at 12.45 The 1FM Artist Chart 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, including The Amazing Spiderman 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 The Bruce Dickinson Rock Show 10.00 Mark Radcliffe, aided by Marc Riley Midnight Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 8.45 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce, including at 10.00 Pick of the Hits 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford, including at 2.30 the star guest interview, and at 3.00 Three after Three 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hayes Over Britain: Phone 0645 288291 8.30 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris, by Victor Canning (r) 9.00 An Audience with Gwen Catley: See Choice 10.00 Back Numbers (4/4) 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00am The Breakfast Programme, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, including at 10.35 Euronews; 11.00 Dirty News 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Liz Barclay with Moneychack 2.05 Rescue on Five, incl at 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 sport 7.35 The Tuesday Match: Football and the press 8.35 Matthews at 80: Jimmy Armfield explores the life of Sir Stanley Matthews 10.05 News Talk: Europe — Friend or Foe? 11.00 Night Extra, incl 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours, with Vincent Hanna 2.05 Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Fruhmagazin 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Morgenmagazin 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 *Strong Poison* 7.30 New Ideas 7.50 The Life of Numbers 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Concert Hall 9.00 News 9.05 Business Report 9.15 Poets of Place 9.30 On Screen 9.45 Sport 10.01 Discovery 10.30 Ports of Call 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 News 12.10pm Words of Faith 12.15 Multitrack 12.45 Sport 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 *Strong Poison* 2.45 Turning a Tune 3.00 News 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.05 Business Report 5.15 BBC English 8.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 News 7.05 Outlook 7.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 World Today 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Megamix 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Omnibus 12.00 News 12.15am Concert Hall 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 What's News? 1.45 Country Style 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 3.00 News 3.15 Sport 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto: John Ireland (Piano Concerto in E flat) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 The Opera Guide 8.00 Evening Concert: conducted by Daniel Barenboim 10.00 Michael Meppin 1.00am Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Gary King 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Paul Coyle 11.00 Nick Abbot 2.00-6.00am Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 **On Air:** Vivaldi (Concerto in C, RV443); 7.23 *Songbook Series*: Wolf (Italienisches Liederbuch Nos 5-8); Beethoven (Symphony No 8 in F); 8.05 Mendelssohn, transcr Rachmaninov (Scherzo, A Midsummer Night's Dream); F. Couperin (Laetentur coeli, Motet for St Bartholomew); Shostakovich (Concerto for piano, trumpet and strings: Yevgeni Kissin, Vassil Kiri)
9.00 **Composer of the Week:** Tavener
9.45 **Musical Encounters,** with Piers Burton-Page, including Julius Harrison (Bredon Hill); Beethoven (Sextet in E flat, Op 71); 10.40 *Artist of the Week*: Jacques Thibaud, violin, plays Mozart (Sonata in A, K526); Ibert (Féerique); 11.10 Parry (Theme and 19 Variations); Harold Truscott (Symphony in E)
12.00 **Music Restored:** Chris de Souza presents the first of five concerts of vocal music from pre-Reformation England
1.00pm **The BBC Orchestras:** BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis performs Haydn (Symphony No 87 in A); Schumann (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Rhenish)
2.00 **Schools:** Playtime 2.15 Time to Move 2.35 Listen!
3.00 **Some Versions of Pastoral:** Piers Burton-Page presents the second of four explorations of the pastoral theme in British music as seen in excerpts from works by Handel, Elgar, Bliss, Vaughan Williams, Balfour Gardiner and Holst
5.00 **The Music Machine:** Tommy Pearson asks how musicians cope with hearing loss, in conversation with Dr David Garfield Davies
5.15 **In Tune,** with Sean Rafferty
7.30 **Craig's Progress:** Mecklenburgh Opera Ensemble under Anne Manson performs the world premiere of Martin Butler's and Stephen Prustin's two-act fusion of opera and comic book. Recorded at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, last June. The cast of 49 characters is sung by Jeremy Huw Williams, baritone, Simone Sauphanor, soprano, Annemarie Sand, mezzo, Kevin West, tenor, and Andrew Slater, bass
9.25 **Novelties:** Chris Nicholson talks to the historian Faramez Dabhoiwla about the invention of the street lamp in 17th-century England
9.35 **Boccherini and Brahms:** Raphael Ensemble performs Boccherini (Sextet in F minor, Op 23 No 4); Brahms (Quintet in G, Op 111) (r)
10.30 **The John Field Nocturnes:** *No 3 in A flat; No 11 in E flat* (Daniel Adni, piano)
10.45 **Night Waves:** Roy Porter heads west and reads newly acclaimed poetry from the American Civil War
11.30-12.30am **The BBC Orchestras:** BBC Philharmonic under Jane Glover performs Elgar (Overture, Cockaigne); Barry Guy (After the Rain); Britten (Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra) (r)
1.00-2.10 **Night School:** History 9-11 1.40 Tales from Europe

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 7.55 Weather 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News** 9.05 **Call Nick Ross:** 071-580 4444 from 8am
10.00-10.30 **News; Way Down South** (FM only): See Choice
10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only)
10.15 **The Pilgrim's Progress** (LW only) (17/25) (r)
10.30 **Woman's Hour:** Madeleine Bunting discusses the effect of the Second World War German occupation on the people of the Channel Islands
11.30 **Medicine Now**
12.00 **News; You and Yours**
12.25pm **Oliver Twist** (2/6) 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Thirty Minute Theatre: The Dark Lady of Doona.** Jane Cassidy's play dramatising a meeting between the infamous Irish pirate Grace O'Malley and Queen Elizabeth I
2.30 **Dancing for a Living:** Lynne Walker talks to Debra Craine, dance critic and deputy arts editor of *The Times*
3.00 **News; The Afternoon Shift**
4.00 **News** 4.05 **Kaleidoscope:** Paul Vaughan reads a new collection of John Updike short stories, and reviews Tim Park's latest novel
4.45 **Short Story: You,** by Alasdair Gray. Read by Simon Cadell
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock**
6.15 **If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich?** Fourth of a six-part comedy by Paul Shearer and Richard Turner. When Giles gets a job writing rousing speeches for a DIY sales conference he hits on the inspired idea of getting other people to do the work for him while he pockets the money. With Richard E. Grant and Amanda Root
7.00 **News** 7.05 **The Archers**
7.20 **File on 4**
8.00 **Science Now,** presented by Peter Evans (r)
8.30 **Gosling en France:** Le Maire. Ray Gosling talks to Catherine Trautmann about the significance of her role as mayor of Strasbourg (r)
9.00 **In Touch:** Peter White presents the magazine for people with a visual handicap
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight,** with Robin Lustig
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: The Initials in the Heart,** by Laurence Whistler. Ronald Pickup reads the second of a ten-part adaptation (r)
11.00 **Mediumwave:** Joanna Coles explores the week's events in the media (r)
11.30-12.00 **Hidden Voices** (FM only): Ireland. The fourth of six portraits of Muslims in Europe (r)
11.30 **Today in Parliament** (LW only)
12.00-12.43am **News,** incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

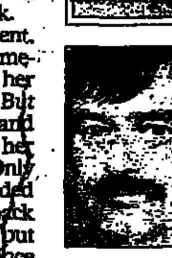
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REVIEW



Peter Barnard

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…th revenge: …e are agin it …s it doesn't …I think that …ing Edge team …ound themselves …orns of that dilemma. …nt's programme, *Re-* …sionally looked uneasy …t, moving from the won- …ribald to the tragically ex- … But it finally worked, …ly by threading the pro- …amme with the activities of one avenger whose vengeance against her husband itself moved from the ribald to the near-extreme.

She was Joan (in such shows first names are sufficient if not obligatory) and her greatest moment was with the itching powder and the underpants. Joan dusted the latter with the former having learned that her husband was having an office affair.

He returned from work and rushed immediately for the bath. This brought a knowing smile to Joan's face, for she had married the sort of man whose normal first thought in the early evening *is for* gravy rather than water. Finding no relief in the bathroom, he sat down and confessed to his wife. Herein lies the brilliance of Joan's revenge, for it perfectly fitted the "crime" and achieved the desired result.

Joan knew that her husband would associate the itching with a — what is the term? — a social disease and that he would link the social disease to the girl at the office. So his anger fell on the girl and his need to convey said anger produced the confession. But that ended the chapter, not the book.

Joan's marriage was violent, something she temporarily ameliorated by secretly dosing her husband with tranquillisers. But that only worked for a while and one day Joan decided to kill her husband by lacing his coffee. Only at the last second, having handed him the cup, did she snatch it back claiming she had accidentally put in sugar. The couple have since divorced.

Other vengeance lacked Joan's panache. The man who smashed up the cars of council employees because they refused to listen to his complaints about a council property was indulging in nothing more than vandalism.

He could have learnt the key ingredient of revenge, which is style, from the farmer who, having been refused planning permission, filled up his muck spreader with a mixture of silage and manure and sprayed the stuff all over the council's offices. Then he turned and did it again, for on the first pass his spreader was not set high enough and only splattered the ground floor.

Much more serious business was afoot in the case of the father whose little girl was killed by a one-eyed lorry driver who should not have been on the road. The father wounded the driver with a shotgun, an action that was likely to bring more suffering on his stricken family. He was charged with attempted murder but the jury delivered a verdict that, thank God, owed more to compassion than to logic: not guilty.

The verdict of history on Gerry Adams is not yet in but **Panorama: The Man We Hate to Love** (BBC 1) suggested we may want to be kind to the one-time member of the IRA's Ballymena and Belfast brigades. I expect certain Protestants were spitting at the screen last night, not least at the British officials and former officials parading to laud Adams.

Peter Brooke, the former Northern Ireland Secretary, described Adams as "courageous" and a retired official who had secret talks with Adams in 1972 said he was surprised to find this "articulate, intelligent young man" who, when asked if he really wanted to spend his life fighting the British, replied that in fact he would rather go to university.

Disarming, that's the word for our Gerry, if you will forgive the irony. Adams was not interviewed for the programme, but he must have been delighted with what others said for him.

Clearly Adams has the tightrope walker's sense of balance so necessary in a politician, a trade in which the truth is a product for which demand will always outstrip supply. The question left hanging at the end of the programme is whether the wilder boys of the IRA will pull Adams off the wire before he reaches the opposite bank of the Rubicon.

Last night's *Horizon* deserves more space than I shall give it, but something seems to have happened to my stomach since watching **Siamese Twins** (BBC 2). Watching it? Glancing at it. For all that I have been in war zones and seen people die violently, I am not all that good at close-ups of surgeons' hands inside one body, let alone two at once.

Fascinating story, though, of two-year-old twins from a Bangkok orphanage joined at the hip and pelvis who had a leg each plus one they shared and only one bladder between them. Incredible operation in Philadelphia, aren't surgeons wonderful, happy ending, though Dao and Duan will need much help yet.

The thing about real-life operations is that they are not like *Casualty*. In *Casualty* you look at the wounds and think, gosh, those make-up people are just wonderful. I hope the *Casualty* make-up people were not watching *Siamese Twins*, because I wouldn't want them to get any better.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (32344)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (18036832)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (8301528)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1289948) ***10.05* Good Morning with Anne and Nick**. Weekday magazine (s) (85551122)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7732696) **12.05 Pebble Mill** (s) (3721561) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (78113325)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (11702)
1.30 Neighbours. Ceefax) (s) (91860054) **1.50 Timekeepers**. Quiz series. The question-master is Bill Dod (s) (91864870)
2.15 FILM: Perry Mason — The Case of the Scandalous Scoundrel (1987) starring Raymond Burr and Barbara Hale. The legal eagle defends a reporter accused of murdering her former employer, the publisher of a sleazy tabloid. Directed by Christian I. Nyby II. (Ceefax) (s) (957948)
3.50 Jackanory. Natalie Ogle with Jill Paton Walsh's story *Matthew and the Sea Singer* (s) (1559603) ***4.00* Willy Fogg**. *(Ceefax)* (9676031) **4.25 Grimmy**. Animation (6995832) **4.35 Take Two.** Film and television magazine (4076054)
5.00 Newsround (9906948) **5.10 Grange Hill**. (Ceefax) (s) (1024832)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (560528). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
…0 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (493)
…0 Regional news magazines (883). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
…00 Holiday. Reports from the Lake District, an Arizona dude ranch, working holidays and from a single mother with three children in Menorca. (Ceefax) (s) (1238)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (257)
8.00 A Question of Sport. David Coleman, Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Stephen Hendry, Allan Lamb, Sonia O'Sullivan and Darren Anderton. (Ceefax) (s) (1306)
8.30 Ain't Misbehavin'. Marital indifidelity comedy series starring Peter Davison, Nicola Pagett, John Duttine and Polly Hemingway. (Ceefax) (s) (9493)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3431)

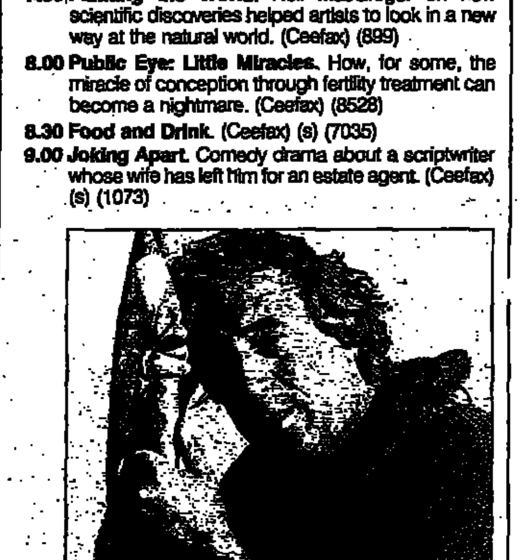


Fugitives Mel Gibson, Goldie Hawn (9.30pm)

9.30 FILM: Bird on a Wire (1990) starring Mel Gibson, Goldie Hawn and David Carradine. A romantic comedy chase thriller about a former police informer on the run from nearly everybody when his girlfriend unwittingly blows his witness protection programme. Directed by John Badham. (Ceefax) (s) (573677). **Northern Ireland:** On Air 10.10 Film: Bird on a Wire 12.00-1.30am Film: Prey of the Chameleon; **Wales:** Week In Week Out 10.00 Wales Playhouse *10.30 Film: Bird on a Wire 12.15-1.45* Film: Prey of the Chameleon
…15 FILM: Prey of the Chameleon (1991) starring Daphne Zuniga and James Wilder. Serial killer thriller directed by Tex Fuller. (Ceefax) (158141)
…45am Weather (3202197)

BBC2

7.00 Noddy (r) (s) (1588865) **7.10 The Legend of Prince Valiant** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8567677) **7.35 Blue Peter** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1797677)
8.00 BBC Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (8688851) **8.15 The Record**: Susan Hulme reports on yesterday's Parliamentary proceedings (7030141)
8.35 Consuming Passions (r) (7028493) **8.40 The Time of Your Life.** Last in the Canadian series about enterprising older people (4759257)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Pls, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (6312211) **2.00** Gordon T. Gopher (41070493)
2.10 Horizon: Russia's Deep Secrets (r). (Ceefax) (5972702)
3.00 News and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross**. (Ceefax) (5102883) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (3359685)
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (986)
4.30 Regional programmes repeated from 7.30pm last Thursday (870): **Wales:** Week In Week Out
5.00 Children's Hospital (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2344)
5.30 Skating. The European Figure Skating championships from Dortmund, Germany (122)
6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (117324)
***6.25* Heartbreak High**. *Drama series set in an Australian* inner-city high school. (Ceefax) (s) (444073)
7.10 The Tick. Animated comedy (651870)
7.30 Painting the World. *Neil MacGregor on how* scientific discoveries helped artists to look in a new way at the natural world. (Ceefax) (899)
8.00 Public Eye: Little Miracles. How, for some, the miracle of conception through fertility treatment can become a nightmare. (Ceefax) (8528)
8.30 Food and Drink. (Ceefax) (s) (7035)
9.00 Joking Apart. Comedy drama about a scriptwriter whose wife has left him for an estate agent. (Ceefax) (s) (1073)



Terry Jones on Richard the Lionheart (9.30pm)

9.30 **Crusades: Destruction.** (Ceefax) (s) (190342)
***10.20* Jim Tavare Pictures Presents** . . . Comedy series (759967)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (639702)
11.15 The Late Show (s) (591238)
11.55 Weather (948412)
12.00 News followed by **The Midnight Hour**. Sarah Baxter reviews the parliamentary day (6428807)
12.50am-1.50 Experience and Behaviour in a Social World (5476130)
2.00-4.00 Night School: History (86888)

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CHOICE



Doctors Burton, Whately and Shepherd (ITV, 9.00pm)

Peak Practice
ITV, 9.00pm

The medical drama is back for a third series and not wasting a second. *Hardly have the credits rolled than* Dr Jack (Kevin Whately) is involved in the rescue of a school party, trapped in an old lead mine. A rock fall has blocked the tunnel and if it rains they could drown. You've guessed, it rains. Not surprisingly Jack has forgotten his wedding anniversary and wife Dr Beth (Amanda Burton) is not pleased. Meanwhile dishy Dr Will (Simon Shepherd) is getting divorced and there are at least three other sub-plots to ensure that the attention never wanders. The mixture of medicine, adventure, personal problems and Peak District *scenery drew more than 14 million viewers last time* and the formula shows no sign of flagging.

Network First: Bhopal — the Second Tragedy
ITV, 10.40pm

In December 1984 methyl isocyanate gas from the Union Carbide pesticide plant leaked over the Indian city of Bhopal, *killing* 2,500 people and leaving many more with permanent disabilities. That was the first tragedy. The second, according to this scathing report from the former BBC man, Mark Tully, is the failure to compensate the victims and to tackle the safety implications. Tully does not pull punches. He says the disaster was caused by industrialists who put costs before caution and politicians who put power before principles. In the ten years since, he claims, companies have tried to wriggle out of their responsibilities, politicians have treated the gas victims as their pawns *and the rich nations have turned a blind eye.*

Visions of Heaven and Hell
Channel 4, 9.00pm

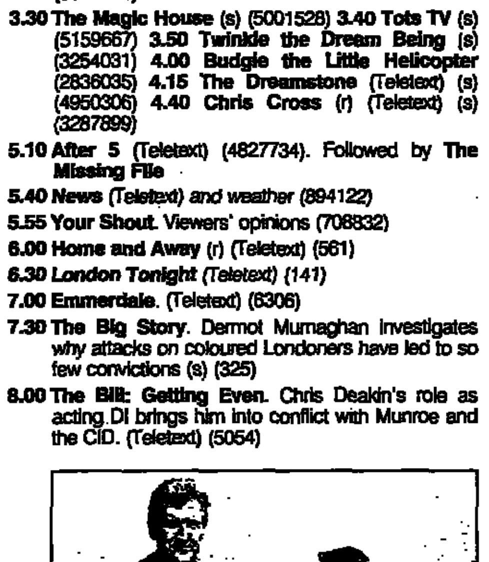
The approaching millennium is the peg for a three-part examination of hopes and fears for the future of information technology. The programme is strong on pundits. There are contributions from the writers William Gibson and Douglas Adams, from Bill Gates of Microsoft and from Professor Stephen Hawking. There is also a social trends forecaster from the United States called Faith Popcorn. A portentous commentary, which sounds as if it has been culled from a dictionary of quotations, is spoken by the actress Tilda Swinton. The presentation is stylish, but the discussion tends to get … in generalities and more questions are asked than answered. Perhaps the answers will come in the remaining programmes.

Crusades
BBC2, 9.30pm

Richard the Lionheart may be one of the stars of English history but Terry Jones is not impressed. He is quick to point out that Richard was actually French and did not speak the language of his adopted country. More than that he was responsible for the cold-blooded murder of men, women and children during the siege of Acre, a barbarity which had no parallel on the Muslim side. Jones also alludes to Richard's homosexuality, though some modern historians dispute this. For Jones the hero of the Crusades was the Muslim leader, Saladin, a gentleman among thugs. Jones is convinced that the Crusades were a Bad Thing and a total failure. The same cannot be said for this invigorating series. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (3928431)
9.25 Chain Letters with Ted Robbins (4414306) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3962590)
10.00 The Time... the Place. John Stapleton hosts the topical discussion (s) (9799412)
10.35 This Morning (32637325) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7721580)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7197238)
12.55 Emmerdale *(r) (Teletext)* (7105257) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (34560122) **1.55 Vanessa.** Vanessa Feltz tackles another women's issue (Teletext) (s) (32344126)
2.25 A Country Practice (s) (17509696) **2.50 Blue Heelers** with William McInnes (6520257)
3.20 News headlines (Teletext) and weather (5059528) ***3.25* London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5058899)
3.30 The Magic House (s) (5001528) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (5159667) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (s) (3254031) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (2836035) **4.15 The Dreamstone** (Teletext) (s) (4950306) **4.40 Chris Cross** (r) (Teletext) (s) (3287899)
5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (4827734). Followed by **The Missing File**
***5.40* News** *(Teletext) and weather* (894122)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (708832)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (561)
***6.30* London Tonight** *(Teletext)* (141)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (6306)
7.30 The Big Story. Dermot Murnaghan investigates why attacks on coloured Londoners have led to so few convictions (s) (325)
8.00 The Bill: Getting Even. Chris Deakin's role as acting DI brings him into conflict with Munroe and the CID. (Teletext) (5054)

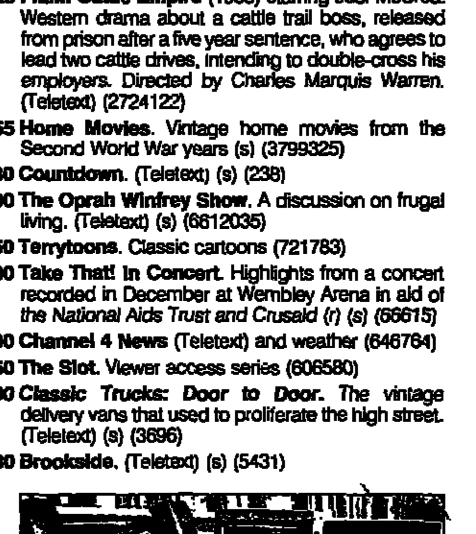


Russ Abbot and Michael Williams (8.30pm)

8.30 NEW **September Song**. More adventures with teacher Ted Fenwick and his showbiz buddy Billy Balsam. Starring Russ Abbot and Michael Williams. (Teletext) (s) (4561)
9.00 **Peak Practice** (Teletext) (s) (1325)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (19219)
***10.30* London Tonight** *(Teletext) and weather* (369561)
10.40 **Network First: Bhopal — The Second Tragedy.** (Teletext) (356832)
***11.40* Prisoner Cell Block H** (689967)
12.40am FILM: Original Sin (1989) A couple are devasted when their only child is kidnapped. With Charlton Heston. Directed by Ron Satlof (866130)
2.25 The Little Picture Show. Mariella Frostrup talks to Australian director John Duigan (7119791)
3.20 America's Top Ten (s) (89156807)
3.50 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (15188619)
4.15 On the Live Side (s) (35379197)
4.30 Videofashion (29449)
5.00 Vanessa (r) (Teletext) (s) (85517)
5.30 ITN Morning News (37333)

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Once Upon A Time — Life. An animated exploration of the human body (r) (8634580)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (43275)
9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (29696)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! (8425493) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (8420948) **10.00** Fourways Farm (1296238) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (9035412) **10.25** How We Used to Live (9021219) **10.45** Coming Together (7164851) **11.00** Science in Focus (6935783) **11.22** Stage One (620140) **11.38** Schools at Work (8475238) **11.45** First Edition (9442141)
12.00 House to House. Maya Even's political magazine (42572)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early-learning entertainment. The guest is Rosie O'Donnell (85493) **1.30 Widget** (r) (s) (15794847)
1.55 Profiles Of Nature: Solitudes. An exploration of the sounds of the wild (r) (34144108)
2.25 FILM: Cattle Empire (1958) starring Joel McCrea. Western drama about a cattle trail boss, released from prison after a five year sentence, who agrees to lead two cattle drives, intending to double-cross his employers. Directed by Charles Marquis Warren. (Teletext) (2724122)
3.55 Home Movies. Vintage home movies from the Second World War years (s) (3799325)
4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (238)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. A discussion on frugal living. (Teletext) (s) (6812035)
5.50 Terrytoons. Classic cartoons (721783)
6.00 Take That! In Concert. Highlights from a concert recorded in December at Wembley Arena in aid of *the National Aids Trust and Crusaid (r) (s)* (66615)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (646764)
7.50 The Slot. Viewer access series (606580)
***8.00* Classic Trucks: Door to Door.** The vintage delivery vans that used to proliferate the high street. (Teletext) (s) (3696)
8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (5431)



Stephen Hawking looks to the future (9.00pm)

9.00 **Visions of Heaven and Hell**. (Teletext) *(s) (9967)*
10.00 FILM: The Good Fight (1992) starring Christine Lahti and Terry O'Quinn. A made-for-television drama about a lawyer who, with the help of her attorney former husband, sues a tobacco company on behalf of a young athlete who developed cancer of the mouth after using the company's chewing tobacco. Directed by John David Coles. (Teletext) (s) (419734)
11.40 Bakersfield PD. California police comedy series. (Teletext) (s) (279764)
12.15am Football Italia — Mezzanotte. Highlights of the *Seria A* game between Cagliari and Fiorentina (116265)
***1.15* Blood, Sweat and Glory**. *The series on sport* continues with a look at the ethic of sportsmanship (r) (77555)
1.45 FILM: A Cuckoo In the Nest (1933, b/w) starring Ralph Lynn and Yvonne Arnaud. A classic Aldwych farce directed by Tom Walls (380536). Ends at **3.20**

VARIATIONS

…GLIA
…London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia … and Weather (3962590) 12.20pm-12.30 Anglia News (7721580) 1.55 A Country Practice (91865509) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (6520257) 3.25-3.30 Anglia News and Weather (5058899) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4827734) 6.25-7.00 Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (710528) 7.30-8.00 Food Guide (325) 10.30-10.40 Anglia News (369561) 12.40am Boot's Hill (527739) 2.30 The Little Picture Show (9713352) 3.25 The Beat (4700994) 4.20 Travel Trails (83993555) 4.45-5.00 On the Live Side (60568791)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (3962590) 12.20pm-12.30 Central News and Weather (7721580) 1.55 A Country Practice (91865509) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (6520257) 3.25-3.30 Central News (5058899) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4827734) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (710528) 7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (325) 10.30-10.40 Central News and Weather (369561) 11.40-12.40pm Crime Story (689967) 4.15am Jobfinder (9783913) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (8260449)

GRANADA
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (3962590) 12.20pm-12.30 Granada News (7721580) 12.55 Shortland Street (7105257) 1.25 Home and Away (51058493) 1.50 Vanessa (31994885) 2.20 Wish You Were Here...? (17591677) 2.50-3.20 Emmerdale (6520257) 3.25 Granada News (5058899) 3.30-3.40 The Magic House (5001528) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (4827734) 6.25 Granada Tonight (710528) 7.00 Emmerdale (6306) 7.30-8.00 The Main Ingredient (325) 10.30-10.40 Granada News (369561) *11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H* (689967) 12.40am Original Sin (866130) 2.25 The Little Picture Show (7119791) 3.20 America's Top Ten (89156807) 3.50 Cinema, Cinema (15188619) 4.15 Jobfinder (3336517) 5.00-5.30 Vanessa (85517)

ITV WEST
As London except: 2.25 Wish You Were Here...? (17590948) 2.55-3.20 Shortland Street (7221615) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (4827734) 6.30-7.00 HTV News (141) 7.30-8.00 West Eye View (325) 10.30-10.40 HTV West Headlines and Weather (369561) 4.15am-5.00 Jobfinder (7336517)

ITV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 9.55-10.00 HTV Wales News (3962590) 12.20pm-12.30 HTV Wales News and Weather (7721580) 3.25-… HTV Wales News (5058899) 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (141) 7.30-8.00 Primetime (325) *10.30-10.40 HTV Wales News and Weather* (369561)

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As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (3962590) 12.20pm-12.30 Meridian News and Weather (7721580) 1.55 A Country Practice (91865509) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (6520257) 3.25-3.30 Meridian News and Weather (5058899) 5.10 Home and Away (4827734) 5.37-5.40 Three Minutes - Making It Happen (729698) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (561) 6.30-7.00 Surprise Chefs (141) 7.30-8.00 Held in Trust (325) *10.30-10.40* Meridian News and Weather (369561) 12.40am Boot's Hill (527739) 2.30 The Little Picture Show (9713352) 3.25 The Beat (4700994) 4.20 Travel Trails (83993555) *4.45 On the Live Side* (60568791) 5.00-5.30 Freescreen (85517)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 2.25-3.25 The Young *Doctors* (17590948) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4827734) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (66073) 7.30-8.00 Held in Trust (325) 4.15am-5.00 Jobfinder (7336517)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (91865509) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (6520257) 3.25-3.30 Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bliedale: Network North (5058899) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4827734) 5.55 Calendar / Network North (288211) 6.30-7.00 Crosswits (141) 7.30-8.00 Good Advice (325) 10.30-10.40 Calendar News and Weather (369561) 11.40 Ice Hockey (689967) 12.40am The Evening Standard British Film Awards (5489875) 1.40 The Little Picture Show (6131710) 2.40 Sport AM (9709159) 3.40 The Beat (8253962) 4.35-5.30 Jobfinder (1992623)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (43275) 9.00 You Bet Your Life (29696) 9.30 Ysgolion (464412) 12.00pm House To House (42572) 12.30 Slot Meithrin (58696) 1.00 Little Miss (93752) 1.30 Hanging With Mr. Cooper (57967) 2.00 The Late Late Show (53290) 3.00 The Number 10 Show (2967) 3.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (7369948) 4.20 Terrytoons (6929699) 4.30 Saved By The Bell - The New Class (238) 5.00 5 Pump (7412) 5.30 Countdown (290) 6.00 Newyddion (488702) 6.15 Heno (440257) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (4948) 7.30 Y Ferch Dwys Ness (987) 8.00 Hollywood Yn Galw (9898) 8.30 Newyddion (5431) 9.00 Cusing Edge: Revenge (9967) 10.00 Brookside (92061) 10.30 Dim Tafod (2096783) 11.38 The Good Mother (211784)…

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (51141) 8.00 Power Rangers (73431) 8.30 DJ Kat (4463493) 8.45 The Oprah Winfrey Show (4582180) 9.30 Card Sharks (96238) 10.00 Concentration (8809615) 10.25 Dynamo Duck (6174290) 10.30 Candid Camera (69238) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (37784) 12.00 The Urban Peasant (43290) 12.30pm E Street (92054) 1.00 St Elsewhere (97509) 2.00 Shaka Zulu (13696) 3.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (9506948) 3.50 The DJ Kat Show (3068054) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (9035) 6.00 Gamesworld (8899) 6.30 Blockbusters (2851) 7.00 E Street (3144) 7.30 M*A*S*H (8035) 8.00 The Last Mafia Marriage: First of a two-part mini-series. With Eric Roberts and Nancy McKeon sat30(21580) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (40815) 11.00 Late Show with *David Letterman* (848290) 11.45 Littlejohn (572238) 12.30am Chances (26913) 1.30 Night Court (69130) 2.00-6.00 Hamex Long Play (5848371)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (9178141) 9.30 Fashion TV (63344) 10.30 ABC Nightline (50580) *1.30pm CBS News This Morning* (28325) 2.30 Parliament Live (53851) 5.05 Richard Littlejohn (602035) 9.30 Coverage of the O.J. Simpson Trial (836702) 12.30am ABC World News Tonight (24555) 1.30 Target (63265) 2.30 Parliament Replay (82536) 4.30 CBS Evening News (81159) 5.30-6.00 ABC World News Tonight (93913)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (2038290) 10.00 Straight Talk (1992) (96870) 12.00 Aloha Summer (1988) (27899) 2.00pm Columbo: Undercover (1992) (31967) 4.00 Give My Regards to Broad Street (1984) (4957) 6.00 Straight Talk (1992): As 10am (90870) 7.30 Close-Up: Three of Hearts (6431) 8.00 Fatal Friendship (1992) (23948) 10.00 The Liar's Club (1994) (907851) 11.35 Bad Channels (1992) (185412) 1.00am The King's Whore (1990) (46449) 2.30 Alligator II — The Mutation (1990) (17449) 4.00 The Amy Fisher Story (1993) (44807)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
8.00pm This Gun for Hire (1942) (17325) 8.00 Spacehunter: Adventures in the Forbidden Zone (1983) (12870) 10.00-12.00 The Wicker Man (1973) (72704)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am One Desire (1955) (44851) 8.00 Kidnapped: Cannon (9821870) 8.55 The Magic Voyage: Animation … Groundhog Day (1993) (86850528) *12.05pm My Man Godfrey (1936) (918308)* 2.00 The Innocents (1961) (346783) 3.40 Kidnapped: As 8am (2398257) 4.35 The Magic Voyage: As 8.55am (4181238) 6.00 Mom and Dad Save the World (1993) (42073) 8.00 Groundhog Day (1993): As 10.20am (96684870) 9.45 Passenger 57 (1993) (4755832) 11.10 Ghost Story (1981) (984035) 1.05am Shades of Gray (1992) (947710) 2.40 Two-Fisted Tales (1991) (835401) 4.15-6.00 Mom and Dad Save the World (1993). As 6pm (638307)

● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (1789986) 7.15 WWF Mania (781073) 8.15 Soccer News (2841290) 8.30 One to One (25883) 9.00 Snowboard Tour (98325) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (23509) 10.00 Snooker Welsh Open (86073) 12.00 Aerobics Oz Style (78561) 12.30pm FA Cup Fourth-Round Match (70391) 2.30 *Yachting (48122)* 3.30 NBA Action (1141) 4.00 ABC Tenpin Bowling (54344) 5.00 WWF Superstars (8581) 6.00 Soccer News (506561) 6.15 Fish Tales (534344) 6.30 Grass Roots Rugby (8677) 7.00 Boots 'n' All (54832) 8.00 A to Z of Sport (63580) 9.00 The Footballer's Football Show (83344) 10.00 Soccer News (952967) 10.15 Tartan Extra — Scottish Football highlights (365219) 11.15 Grass Roots Rugby (421054) 11.45 Fish Tales (882257) 12.00-2.00am A to Z of Sport (76807)

EUROSPORT
7.30am *Eurogolf Magazine* (51866) 8.30 Football (54141) 10.00 Live Alpine Skiing (21141) 12.00 Live Figure Skating (6987948) 3.30pm Football (66866) 5.00 Euroski (3257) 6.00 Live Figure Skating (6864603) *7.15 Eurosport News (153509) 7.45 Live* Figure Skating (732948) 9.00 Alpine Skiing (78412) 10.00 Snooker (36948) 12.00-12.30am Eurosport News (34284)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (2531561) 8.30 Peyton Place (2530832) 9.00 As the World Turns (8069257) 10.00 Guiding Light (4871948) 11.00-12.00 Another World (4884412)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Getaway — Australia (254948) 12.30pm Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (8777783) 1.00 Trailside — Make Your Own Adventure (4868528) 1.30 The Real Food of China (8…) 2.00 California Gold (3825375) 2.30 Discover Your World — Malaysia (886034) 3.00 American Vacation (7078412) 4.00 St… Travel Guide Jobline …



Wesley Snipes is Passenger 57 (Movie Channel, 9.45pm)

Give-Away Week (8971696) 4.30 Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (8960580) 5.00 Roads to Freedom (9820867) 5.30 The Real Food of China (8951832) 6.00 Getaway — Australia (8961073) 6.30 Ticket to Paradise (8972325) 7.00 Moving Postcards — South Norfolk (9025211) 7.30 Caribbean Vacation — The British Virgin Islands (8978509) 8.00 Around the World in 30 Minutes (7025031) 8.30 Sky Travel Guide (4075716) 9.00 Getaway (7086431) 9.30 Ticket to Paradise (8764219) *10.00 Roads to Freedom* (2542677) *10.30* Moving Postcards (2551325) 11.00 Caribbean Vacation (7085948) 11.30-12.00 California's Gold (8927344)

TLC
…am Room Service (7913493) … Brothers (2365219) 10.00 … Roux … Out (4010696) 10.30 … Spea… 11.30 Discovering … 12.00 Extra … 12.45pm Dr … 1.00 The … 1.30 Room S… … The Men … Video Show (7533734) 3.30-4.00 So You *Want to Play Golf* (7111764)

UK GOLD
7.00am Give Us a Clue (7082344) 7.30 Neighbours (7061851) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (7932528) 8.30 EastEnders (7931899) 9.00 The Bill (7915851) 9.30 Sutherland's Law (2937073) 10.30 Big Deal (2605306) 11.30 No Place Like Home (2847967) *12.00 Sons and Daughters* (7935615) 12.30pm Neighbours (2381493) 1.00 EastEnders (7081615) 1.30 The Bill (2380764) 2.00 After Henry (4288667) 2.30 Keep It in the Family (7118677) 3.00 Knots Landing (2847783) 4.00 Dallas (2820290) 5.00 Every Second Counts (8647509) 5.40 Captain Pugwash (2709677) 5.50 Hi-De-Hi (4700073) 6.30 EastEnders (7133986) 7.00 Keep It in the Family (8027513) 7.30 Sweet Sixteen (7122870) 8.00 After Henry (4383211) 8.30 Just Good Friends (5838108) 9.00 The Sweeney (9191764) 10.00 The Bill (7936344) 10.30 Top of the Pops (8528035) 11.25 Cool It (7339783) 12.00 Dr Who (5518333) 12.30am FILM: The Gypsy and the Gentleman (1958) (4590333) 2.25 Shopping at Night (59960623)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Sesame Street (8142122) 6.55 Garfield (3388325) 7.25 Eek the Cat (8591412) 7.55 Pugwall (5953493) 8.25 Super Mario (6102580) 8.45 Casper (3320035) 9.00 Sesame Street (86615) 10.00 It's Droibee Time (58667) 11.00 Christopher Crocodile (15141) 12.00 Garfield (47615) 12.30pm Eek the Cat (54493) 1.00 Beverly Hills Teens (26257) 1.30 Super Mario (82036667) 1.45 Baby Follies (91581572) 2.00 Barney (9832) 2.30 Babar (1344) 3.00 Casper (6016141) 3.15 Where's Wally (694948) 3.45 Sonic (693219) 4.15 Head to Head (4582832) 4.30-5.00 Pugwall (1580)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Nickelvel (1787528) 7.15 Pee-Wee's Playhouse (705493) 7.45 Rugrats (704764) 8.15 Doug (806696) 8.45 Nickelvel (9006561) 9.00 Nick Jr (592054) 12.00 Pee-Wee's Playhouse (25801) *12.30pm The Muppet Show (25667)* 1.00 Galaxy High School (84696) 1.30 Banana Sandwich (24238) 2.00 Denver (6344) 2.30 Smoggies (4238) 3.00 Nick Faves! (5951) 3.30 Hero Turtles (9783) 4.00 Doug (8290) 4.30 Rugrats (7702) 5.00 Clarissa (7696) 5.30 Nickelvel (8054) 6.00 Grimmy (5967) 6.30-7.00 Are You Afraid of the Dark? (8219)

DISCOVERY
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Australia Wild (7129783) 5.00 Compass (3838126) 6.00 Beyond 2000 (2397054) 7.00 Earth Tremors (9193122) 8.00 Connections 2 (8183293) 8.30 Voyager (1933580) 9.00 First Flights (2857344) 9.30 The X-Planes (2308699) 10.00 Discovery Journal (9182493) *11.00-12.00 Nature by Profession* (7066306)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM My Teenage Daughter (1956) (4027986) 2.00pm thirtysomething (4008851) 3.00 Rat Patrol (7438180) 3.30 The Donny and Marie Show (7108290) 4.00 FILM: Jail Bait (1954) (33898696) 5.15 A *Home of Your Own* (5862967) *6.00 Death* Valley Days (7137702) 6.30 Police Woman (2285290) 7.30 Honey West (7124238) 8.00 thirtysomething (9106696) 9.00 The Twilight Zone (2844870) 9.30-12.00 FILM: Can't Stop the Music (1980) Comedy about the rise of the Village People (2356899)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (2064832) 7.00 Mega-zine (2067870) 8.00 Health UK (7269306) 8.30 Rendezvous (7289677) 9.00 Eating Out (4409877) 9.35 Now You See It (7797257) 10.00 Trivia Trap (4240306) 10.30 Susan Powter (7291141) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (3111899) 12.00 Family Matters (7282493) 12.30pm Rendezvous (4933677) 1.00 Kilroy (4921832) 2.00 Agony Hour (4241035) 3.00 Magazine (4292508) 3.45 Gladrags (87669122) 4.00 Infatuation (5208325) 4.30 Trivia Trap (10422967) 4.55 Delia Smith (2188306) 5.30 Kate and Allie (5288561) 6.00 Susan Powter (5218702) 6.30 Mr and Mrs (5209054) 7.00 Living Magazine (4066847) 8.00 The Young and the Restless (2060667) 9.00 FILM: Shattered Spirits (1986): Abusive alcoholic Martin Sheen drives his family to breaking point (74947306) 10.45 Gladrags (3164073) 11.00 Mr and Mrs (7105870) 11.30-12.00 Infatuation UK (4239290)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00 Danger Mouse (3412) 5.30 Where I Live (2832) 6.00 African Skies (819412) 6.25 All Clued Up (407677) 7.00 Trivial Pursuit (7108) 7.30 My Two Dads (9509) 8.00 Christy (21528) *9.00 Moonlighting (24144) 10.00* Family Catchphrase (48344) 10.30 GP (24764) 11.00 Lou Grant (75346) 12.00 Rhoda (67536) 12.30pm Big Brother Jake (39265) 1.00 Danger Mouse (20791) 1.30 Trivial Pursuit (63994) 2.00 Moonlighting (97623) 3.00 Lou Grant (51468) 4.00 Rhoda (60626) 4.30-5.00 Big Brother Jake (41284)

MTV
5.00am Wildside (92604) 6.30 The Grind (78122) 7.00 Wildside (13580) 8.00 VJ Ingo (459493) 11.00 Soul (24899) 12.00 Greatest Hits (75986) 1.00pm Afternoon Mix (179832) 3.30 Report (8848967) 3.45 Cinematic (6836122) 4.00 News (4501967) 4.15 3 from 1 (4584290) 4.30 Dial MTV (5798) 5.00 *Music Non-Stop* (29967) *6.30 Sports* (5783) 7.00 Greatest Hits (14238) 8.00 Most Wanted (50702) 9.30 Beavis and Butt-Head (76615) 10.00 Report (470948) 10.15 Cinematic (491431) 10.30 News (114073) 10.45 3 from 1 (119528) 11.00 The End? (64431) 1.00am Soul (28352) 2.00 The Grind (48604) 2.30 Night Videos (312265)

VH-1
7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (4894899) 9.00 Cafe (9208561) 12.00 The Bridge (2709615) 1.30pm Ten of the Best (4819851) 2.30 Heart and Soul (7739948) 3.30 Into the Music (4312035) 6.00 Prima Cuts (8754832) 7.00 VH-1 for You (4112073) 8.00 Rock (4198493) 9.00 Ten of the Best (4118257) 10.00 The Bridge (9385431) 11.30 Today's Top Five (8029702) 12.00 The Nightfly (4401458) 2.00am Ten of the Best (1998555) 3.00-7.00 Dawn Patrol (4300352)

CMT EUROPE
Country music from 5am to 7pm, including at 6.00 Saturday Nite Dance Ranch 6.00-7.00 Big Ticket

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (36122) 7.00 Asian Morning (24561) 8.30 Buniyaad (30325) 9.00 Gujarati FILM (130238) 12.00 Ghar (60054) 1.00pm Hindi FILM (200393) 4.00 Serial (19932) 4.30 Yugantar (5306) 5.00 Jodi Porutham (7238) 5.30 Neengal Daetta Paedal — Choice Songs (9986) 6.00 TVA and You (5967) 6.30 Bunyaad (6219) 7.00 Video Junction (85702) 8.00 News Bulletin (6580) 8.30 Zindagi (5615) 9.00 Pakistani FILM (204967) 11.30 Mano Ya Na Mano (52509) 12.00 Asian Morning (88284) 1.30am Sight and Sound (6843913)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Spotlight on Jean Simmons
7.00pm Young Bess (1953) (15820412) 9.05 Until They Sail (1957) (28251257) 10.50 Mister Buddwing (1966) (86852306) 12.40am This Could Be the Night (1954) (63681994) 2.40-5.00 Young Bess (1953). As 7pm (35145420)

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DeFreitas and Malcolm light fuse as Atherton's side soars to Test victory

England give series kiss of life

PHOTOGRAPHS: REBECCA NADEN



Overjoyed England fielders converge on Malcolm, left, who has just captured the final wicket by trapping McIntyre leg-before

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN ADELAIDE

ENGLAND may not win very often at cricket, but, when they do, they win with a verve and style that takes the breath away. After Barbados last April and the Oval in August, England's first Test victory in Australia since 1986 was achieved here yesterday against apparently insuperable odds and with memorably irresistible cricket.

At the start of the final day of this fourth Test an England win was comfortably the outsider of three possible results. Logic suggested a draw, recent history an Australian win. Desperation, however, can be a great leveller. To keep the series alive and avoid the condemnation that would follow an empty tour, England had to win. The imperative inspired great deeds.

The last four England wickets added 108 runs in 18.5 overs, whereupon Australia, setting off confident of making 263 in 67 overs, lost eight wickets inside two hours. Despite gallantry on a grand scale from the ninth-wicket pair, a wonderful match ended with 5.5 overs to spare and the Barmy Army streamed onto the field in an accelerated conga.

John Woodcock 46
England A team chase win 46

This was the eleventh Test England have played in this country since retaining the Ashes at Melbourne in December, 1986. They have had their chances to win several, but taken none, and that they should end the sorry sequence now, with a team barely recognisable from that which began the tour, beggars belief as much as the manner of its execution.

The catalyst, just as it had been against South Africa in August, was spectacular batting from the tail, followed by awesomely quick bowling by Devon Malcolm. Phillip DeFreitas, whose partnership with Darren Gough shifted the balance at the Oval, this time went solo. He has never batted so well for so long in a Test and may never do so again. But a man could die happy after one innings this good.

DeFreitas, resuming on 20, added 68 off 57 balls. Exhorted by his captain "to be positive but selective" he took apart the man who, by common consent, has been the best bowler of the series. Craig McDermott, troubled by recurring stomach and knee problems, may not have been feeling his best when he began bowling. He felt a good deal worse once DeFreitas had finished with him. His three-over spell with the second new ball cost 41 runs, of which DeFreitas struck 22 in one over, rounded off by a pull over mid-wicket for six.

The tone had been set from the start of a session which recorded Test-best performances from DeFreitas with the bat and Mark Waugh with the ball. John Crawley completed his second half-century in successive Tests and moved so smoothly on to 71 that overconfidence was his downfall and he fell, like ten other batsmen in this bizarre game, to a misjudged pull. He also ricked his neck as his bootstuds snagged when he turned for a second run and after his dismissal took no further part.

A different type of injury topped up DeFreitas's adrenalin. McDermott hit him in the groin, doubling him up for some minutes. His response was controlled aggression of such class that one wonders why it has always been beyond him before now.

Malcolm pumped himself up by hitting Shane Warne out of the ground. When the last wicket fell in the same over, Malcolm sprinted from the field. His eagerness was contagious, though at first impulsive. He chose the wrong end to bowl and, after one over labouring into the wind, asked to switch. Atherton agreed and the results were devastating.

In the first over after lunch, taken at 16 without loss, Malcolm disturbed Mark Taylor with a well-directed bouncer, taken on the glove in front of his face. Next over, Taylor chased at a wide ball and the reliable hands of Thorpe, at first slip, did the rest. Already, there was something familiar to the plot, and England recognised it. Maybe Australia did, too. David Boon froze against his first ball, which hit an involuntary bat before he had moved and Fraser removed him through a leg-side catch in the next over.

Malcolm was now in overdrive. Slater, unable to resist the hook, perished to a splendid catch by Tufnell at fine leg and, to the next ball, Steve Waugh, looking for his customary welcome of a bouncer, was instead beaten for pace and bowled by one of full length.

Malcolm had taken three wickets for four runs in 12 balls. Until Sunday morning, his analysis for this series was a melancholy four for 343; in two bursts, he had now claimed six wickets for 16.

On days such as this, a captain can do no wrong. Mark Waugh was beginning to play with ease when Atherton brought on Tufnell. Waugh turned his first ball firmly off his hip and it hit Mike Gatting, at short leg, on the left boot before popping obligingly into his hands.

Chris Lewis was summoned from the Cathedral End and produced one of his best spells for England. Blewett, Warne and McDermott all fell to him, either side of tea, and if his finger-stabbing gesture to the latter was excessive, it also seemed to signal the end of the game.

Ian Healy, however, had other ideas and for the next 112 minutes he and Fleming stalled the England charge. Only eight overs remained when Lewis removed Fleming leg-before. Malcolm was recalled against the hapless McIntyre, an extraction that required only one ball, and England were left to celebrate a famous victory and regret, once again, that such cricket eludes them when a series is young and impressionable.

COMPLETE SCOREBOARD FROM ADELAIDE

ENGLAND: First Innings

G Gooch c M Waugh b Fleming ... 47 (147min, 105 balls, 4 fours)
*M A Atherton c M E Waugh b Fleming ... 80 (273min, 215 balls, 8 fours)
M W Gatting c S R Waugh b McIntyre ... 117 (411min, 286 balls, 14 fours)
G P Thorpe c Taylor b Warne ... 26 (20min, 19 balls, 3 fours)
J P Crawley b Warne ... 28 (121min, 110 balls, 2 fours)
†S Rhodes c Taylor b McDermott ... 6 (27min, 20 balls, 1 four)
C Lewis c Blewett b McDermott ... 10 (33min, 20 balls, 1 four)
P DeFreitas c Blewett b McIntyre ... 21 (28min, 32 balls, 1 six, 2 fours)
A R C Fraser run out (sub McGrath/McIntyre) ... 7 (24min, 22 balls)
D E Malcolm b McDermott ... 0 (3min, 1 ball)
P C R Tufnell not out ... 0 (6min, 5 balls)
Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 2, nb 2) ... 11
Total (141.3 overs, 559min) ... 353

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-93, 2-175, 3-211, 4-286, 5-293, 6-307, 7-334, 8-353, 9-353

BOWLING: McDermott (nb 2) 41-15-88-3; Fleming (w 1) 25-6-55-2; Blewett 15-4-59-0; Warne 31-9-72-2; McIntyre (w 1) 19 3-3-51-2; M E Waugh 9-1-33-0

Second Innings

G A Gooch c Healy b McDermott ... 34 (132min, 101 balls, 3 fours)
*M A Atherton lbw b M E Waugh ... 14 (61min, 55 balls)
M W Gatting b M E Waugh ... 0 (6min, 5 balls)
G Thorpe c Warne b McDermott ... 88 (140min, 117 balls, 10 fours)
J P Crawley c and b M E Waugh ... 71 (212min, 152 balls, 5 fours)
†S J Rhodes c Fleming b Warne ... 2 (20min, 8 balls)
C C Lewis b Fleming ... 7 (23min, 19 balls, 1 four)
P A J DeFreitas c Healy b M E Waugh ... 88 (120min, 95 balls, 2 sixes, 9 fours)
A R C Fraser c McDermott b M E Waugh ... 5 (27min, 11 balls)
D E Malcolm not out ... 10 (7min, 4 balls, 1 six, 1 four)
P C R Tufnell lbw b Warne ... 0 (4min, 3 balls)
Extras (b 6, lb 8) ... 14
Total (94.5 overs, 382min) ... 326

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26 (Gooch 11), 2-30 (Gooch 15), 3-93 (Thorpe 33), 4-154 (Crawley 18), 5-169 (Crawley 25), 6-181 (Crawley 30), 7-270 (DeFreitas 46), 8-317 (DeFreitas 88), 9-317 (Malcolm 0)

BOWLING: McDermott 27-5-98-2 (nb 1, 8-2-17-0, 5-2-11-1, 5-0-15-1, 2-1-3-0, 5-0-27-0, 2-0-23-0); Fleming 11-3-37-1 (5-2-8-0, 4-1-11-1, 2-0-18-0); Warne 30.5-9-82-2 (2-2-0-0, 8-2-27-0, 15-3-33-1, 4-2-9-0, 1.5-0-13-1); M E Waugh 14-4-40-5 (6-4-3-2, 3-0-16-0, 1-0-6-0, 4-0-15-3); McIntyre 8-0-36-0 (4-0-22-0, 1-0-5-0, 3-0-9-0); Blewett 4-0-23-0 (one spell).

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

M J Slater c Atherton b DeFreitas ... 67 (152min, 113 balls, 6 fours)
*M A Taylor lbw b Lewis ... 90 (267min, 200 balls, 7 fours)
D C Boon c Rhodes b DeFreitas ... 0 (9min, 5 balls)
M E Waugh c Rhodes b Fraser ... 39 (110min, 84 balls, 3 fours)
S R Waugh c Atherton b Lewis ... 19 (45min, 33 balls, 2 fours)
G S Blewett not out ... 102 (261min, 180 balls, 12 fours)
†I A Healy c Rhodes b Malcolm ... 74 (173min, 121 balls, 6 fours)
S K Warne c Thorpe b Fraser ... 7 (16min, 12 balls, 1 four)
D W Fleming c Rhodes b Malcolm ... 0 (4min, 4 balls)
P E McIntyre b Malcolm ... 0 (17min, 6 balls)
C J McDermott c Crawley b Fraser ... 5 (6min, 7 balls, 1 four)
Extras (b 2, lb 7, nb 7) ... 16
Total (121.5 overs, 535min) ... 419

FALL: 1-126, 2-130, 3-202, 4-207, 5-232, 6-396, 7-405, 8-406, 9-414.

BOWLING: Malcolm (nb 3) 26-5-78-3; Fraser (nb 4) 28.5-6-95-3, Tufnell (nb 1) 24-5-64-0; DeFreitas 20-3-70-2; Lewis (nb 6) 18-1-61-2, Gooch 5-0-22-0.

Second Innings

*M A Taylor c Thorpe b Malcolm ... 13 (37min, 32 balls, 2 fours)
M J Slater c Tufnell b Malcolm ... 5 (51min, 29 balls)
D C Boon c Rhodes b Fraser ... 4 (9min, 7 balls, 1 four)
M E Waugh c Gatting b Tufnell ... 24 (58min, 33 balls, 3 fours)
S R Waugh b Malcolm ... 0 (2min, 1 ball)
G S Blewett c Rhodes b Lewis ... 12 (74min, 54 balls)
†I A Healy not out ... 51 (168min, 136 balls, 4 fours)
S K Warne lbw b Lewis ... 2 (18min, 20 balls)
C J McDermott c Rhodes b Lewis ... 0 (2min, 4 balls)
D W Fleming lbw b Lewis ... 24 (112min, 66 balls, 2 fours)
P E McIntyre lbw b Malcolm ... 0 (10min, 4 balls)
Extras (b 3, lb 5, nb 13) ... 21
Total (61.1 overs, 274min) ... 156

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17 (Slater 4), 2-22 (Slater 5), 3-22 (M E Waugh 0), 4-23 (M E Waugh 0), 5-64 (Blewett 9), 6-75 (Healy 7), 7-83 (Healy 10), 8-83 (Healy 10), 9-152 (Healy 48).

BOWLING: Malcolm 16.1-3-39-4 (nb 2; 1-0-3-0, 6-1-13-3, 6-2-13-0, 3-0-10-0, 0.1-0-0-1); Fraser 12-1-37-1 (nb 4; 2-0-10-0, 5-1-11-1, 3-0-10-0, 2-0-6-0); DeFreitas 11-3-31-0 (3-1-3-0, 5-2-19-0, 3-0-9-0); Lewis 13-4-24-4 (nb 10; 2-0-8-0, 7-3-12-3, 4-1-4-1), Tufnell 9-3-17-1 (nb 3; 4-1-5-1, 3-1-9-0, 2-1-3-0).

Match award: P A J DeFreitas.

Umpires: P D Parker (Aus) and S Venkataraghavan (India). TV replay umpire: S J Davis (Aus). Match referee: J R Reid (NZ).

PREVIOUS MATCHES: First Test (Brisbane): Australia won by 184 runs. Second Test (Melbourne): Australia won by 295 runs. Third Test (Sydney): Match drawn.

MATCH TO COME: Fifth Test: Perth (Feb 3 to 7).

☐ *Compiled by Bill Frindall*

Reprimand for captain from match referee

FROM ALAN LEE

ENGLAND'S euphoria was mildly diluted last night when John Reid, the match referee, produced his charge sheet. The team sacrificed 15 per cent of its match fee for a slow over-rate, and Chris Lewis was fined £650 for an offensive gesture on taking McDermott's wicket.

The most significant of Reid's measures, however, was not financial. Michael Atherton, as the England captain, was reprimanded for having failed to ensure that "play is conducted within the spirit of the game". This finding relates to a shabby passage of cricket on Saturday, when England fell eight overs behind the statutory minimum over-rate. Reid, who might have taken similar action during the second Test, informed Atherton of his displeasure the following day. Yesterday, in his end-of-match statement, the matter became public.

Reid was arguably lenient in his assessment that England should be fined for a three-overs shortfall over the course of the match. They were actually 13 behind, but, after concessions for the fall of wickets and breaks for drink, the figure was drastically reduced.

Chastened though he may be, Atherton was not allowing such disapproval to spoil his mood last night. Asked how he would be spending the three days before the final Test, in Perth, he said that the first thing he would be doing was getting drunk. As the team is spending today at a winery in the Barossa Valley, he considered it might be the second thing, too.

More seriously, Atherton lamented the consistency with which England spring into their potent form at the tail-end of series. "I would like to know why we can't do it at the start," he said. "I don't have an answer to it."

Having paid tribute to the strokeplay of DeFreitas, Atherton added: "Devon Malcolm got the real breakthrough. Without that, I don't think we could have won the match. It doesn't always work for him, but, today, he had good rhythm, his follow-through was in place and he bowled really quickly."

Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, echoed those sentiments, though understandably with less relish, adding: "We played some poor shots, but give credit to England. They played good, positive cricket from the first ball of the day and, since Christmas, they have played the better cricket."

The total paying attendance on the peerless Adelaide ground was almost 90,000, and the revival of the series has reprieved the authorities in Perth, where crowds recently have been poor.

The shift in confidence means that Australia approach the game with the greater worries. Damien Fleming has been ruled out by a hamstring strain and McDermott's condition is also causing concern. Peter McIntyre has been dropped and Jo Angel and Brendon Julian, Western Australia fast bowlers, have been added.

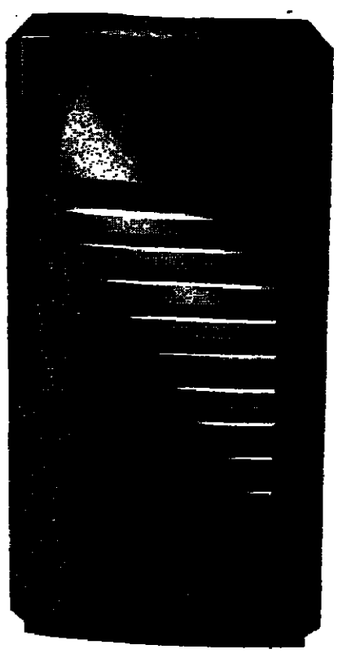
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Lewis's pointed gesture to McDermott proved costly

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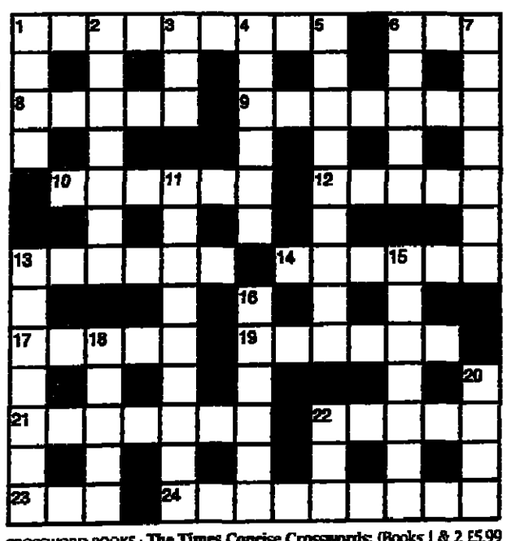
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6 Mealtime babywear: top of dungarees (3)
8 Cathedral priest; church decree (5)
9 Amount of film shot (7)
10 Reviewer (6)
12 Glory, renown (5)
13 Common, unrefined (6)
14 Souped-up car (3,3)
17 Empty (space) (5)
19 Congenital (6)
21 Of the immediate surroundings (7)
22 Shaggy; dangerous (5)
23 Be obedient to (the line) (3)
24 Jewish place of worship (9)

DOWN

1 Confront (4)
2 Army officer; non-specific (7)
3 Thrash; go brown (3)
4 Have repercussions (on) (6)
5 Strike to the ground; reduce (price) (5,4)
6 Insipid (5)
7 Very fortunate (7)
11 Occasioning no gratitude (9)
13 Pulsating with vigorous activity (7)
15 Making another knot (in) (7)
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18 Walk at gentle pace (5)
20 Barrier; embankment against flood (4)
22 Embrace (3)

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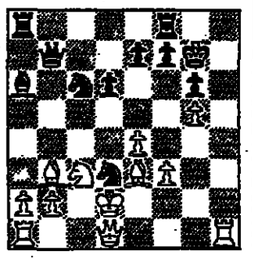
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This position is from the game Nguyen - Zuger, Moscow Olympiad, 1995. White has dangerous attacking chances along the open h-file. How did he now make use of these with a forcing combination?



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By Philip Howard

BOOBYALLA
a. An amiable idiot
b. A shrub
c. A racing sail

EORCHE
a. Sowing muscle
b. Arcam puff
c. Thigh muscle

FANGO
a. Mud
b. A lubricious dance
c. A right-angled spanner

GENRO
a. Elder statesmen
b. A gender role
c. A nocturnal marsupial

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